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"OUT TO OLD AUNT MARY'S."

(James Whitcomb Riley.) Wasn't it pleasant, Oh, brother mine, In those old days of the hot sunshine Of youth—when the Saturday's chores were through, And the "Sunday's wood" in the kitchen, too, And we went visiting, "I and you," Out to old Aunt Mary's?

GROWTH OF THE GRAVER.

Income of a First-Class Engraver—Work on Magazines. (Boston Herald.) A generation ago the engraver used to be considered of comparative unimportance, and he was remunerated accordingly. Within fifteen or twenty years, however, he has come to be ranked as one of the most important of our modern professions.

THE INUNDATION.

(Belgravia.) The floods were at Wendethorpe. Boats were moving hither and thither, lower-lying streets, and out in the open country field after field was changed to a lake. From amid the waters rose a solitary farmhouse, black against a darkening sky. The surging, low-seated and tossed and struck heavily upon it. Here was no languidly spreading expanse, but the hurry of the swollen river rushing impatiently forward and rising in its impetuosity higher and ever higher. At an upper window six persons were gathered, watching the motions of a light that came and went slowly, and seemed to be drawing nearer by degrees. The group was made up of the farmer, his wife, three children, and a young man who was the eldest daughter's lover. The light was manifestly approaching, the dark shape of a boat became visible, they heard the dip and splash of the oars; at last the boat paused in the lee of the house, and their rescue was secured. It could be seen now, in the light of the lantern, that there were several persons in the boat and that one of them was a woman.

ANCIENT DIVORCE LAWS.

(The Customs and Practice of the Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. (Cincinnati Enquirer.) The well-being of society demands the strictness of the marital relation, yet the evil incident to the hasty marriages, or to uncongenial parties leading to alienation and crime, and the commission by one party of acts subversive of the terms of the contract, have more or less weight to make exceptions to the rule among barbarians and half-civilized tribes wives were put aside with little or no formality. The Mohammedans allow divorce by the consent of both parties, although they seek to restrain it by revolving ceremonies.

A Real Summer Hotel.

(Cor. New York Mall and Express.) Of the days I spent in exquisite coolness and comfort in the delightful Cuban houses, there was none when I did not reflect how strange a thing it is that our summer hotels and summer cottages in this country are not built upon the tropics. The more I turned the question of the practicability of the matter over in my mind the less reason I could see why, with such modes before us, we continue to build summer dwellings upon the same plan as our city winterhouses.

OUR OLD MAMMY.

(Detroit Free Press.) "What's that for?" asked a Free Press man, as he saw a car driver on Woodward avenue take a nickel from his pocket and pass it into the fare box. "For her?" "What her?" "The story told and the driver got down with a 'Good morning, mammy,' and assisted an old woman of 70 to enter the car." "Did you pay for her?" "Yes." "By?" "Well, the story runs back for almost two years," he said, as he picked up his lines. "I reckon you know Bill?" "Yes." "Well, two years ago he was one of the longest men in Detroit. He drank, swore, gambled, and lost all the other virtues lying around loose. I tell you, he was a terror when off duty and on a spree. He was getting so bad on his car, that another week would have brought him, but something happened."

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A Burial in Palestine.

(Jaffa Cor. Kansas City Journal.) The other day a tomb was opened, and I had the surprise of discovering that the Biblical account of the resurrection prevailed. It was a young man who had died. His body was first washed and then wrapped in new white linen, the feet and hands being tied with the same stuff, and a napkin being wound around his face. The body was then placed in the tomb, and the stone rolled away. The young man's father was taken out of the grave, and put back into the new grave with the fresh remains. As this process is repeated from generation to generation, of course the dust of previous paternal ancestors is mingled with the fresh consignments of clay, so that the dead may literally be said to "sleep with their fathers."

A French Equipage.

(New York Post.) A new style of equipage is to be introduced at Newport and Lenox this year, called by the French a char-a-banc. It is intended to accommodate a large party, and is better adapted for country drives than for regular avenue parade. Its distinguishing novelty is the three horses abreast which drag it, and a Russian innovation of a large hoop fastened over the back of the middle horse, to which small bells are attached, has been introduced with those that have been imported to this country. The effect will be novel and picturesque, no doubt, but in a country neighborhood the tinkling bells might call up memories of the rag and bottle man, or the summer ice-cream cart.

THE STRENGTH OF GROWING BIRCH.

(Exchange.) There is a birch tree in York, Me., only about forty feet high, two roots of which have been able to lift some twelve inches a block of granite computed to weigh twenty tons. The tree is still growing, and the rock continues to be raised and pushed sideways at the rate of nearly an inch a year.

Where Nature Humps Her Back.

(Cor. Denver News.) While on earth I never expect a view more glorious than on Gray's Peak. Can't you see on the mountain, and when the people to look for their little sins, don't let us have any doctrinal sermons or theological discourses; let us have undiluted Christianity, which denounces lying, dishonesty, trickery, undue advantage over one's neighbor, treacherousness and all kinds of wrong-doing.

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