

RETROSPECT.

To-night, within the open grate, The dying embers fall; And many tales do they relate, And joys of old recall.

A Matter of Opinion

HERE are degrees in friendships, but there are no degrees in love. We either love or we do not.

renders it unsafe—and it stands condemned. He was very pale, and there was a peculiar light in his eyes. His words held a subtle meaning, which seemed to anger Kate.

door, but before reaching it, turned, and catching her hands in his crushed them against his lips—and was gone. Kate did not go to Mrs. Grantley's that night. She complained of not feeling well, and she certainly did look ill.

Half the Population of Upper Georgia Wading for Mussels. The great pearl excitement which recently developed in Arkansas has appeared in upper Georgia, says the Atlanta Constitution.

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REV. DR. NICHOLS.

The New Arkable Society and His Remarkable Pedigree. Rev. Charles Wilbur De Lyon Nichols, who has leaped into instantaneous notoriety by constituting himself the arbiter of social distinction in America, has in a recent issue of the most remarkable pedigree in the country.

TO BIRD OWNERS. A Dealer's Advice as to the Care of Birds' Claws. A Sixth avenue bird dealer when asked how to care for the frail claws of the canary said: "In handling a bird it is always well to use a silk handkerchief, or you will find after a few moments that the bird will rest limp in the hand."

A School in Arabia. During my stay at Nakhli, says a writer in the Geographical Journal, I visited some of the schools, of which there are five here, and saw the children imbibing instruction in the usual Moslem style repeating aloud sentences of the Koran or rules of grammar read out by the mullah.

OLDEST LIVING STONECUTTER. Here is the picture of a union stonecutter nearly 100 years old—Robert Bailey, of La Crosse, Wis. The Stonecutters' Journal says that, after working at his trade more than seventy years, Brother Bailey is still hale and hearty, and able to use the chisel as skillfully as many journeymen half his age.

A Critical Case. Perambulating Pete (solicitously)—Lady, you will kindly tell me the ingredients of an' the method in which you made that pie you gave me this mornin'?

Trade with Brazil. During last year Brazil sold Germany \$26,022,354 and bought from her \$5,299,122. In the same time the United States bought from Brazil \$53,073,437 and sold her \$11,578,119.

Consumption in New York City. Dr. Alfred Meyer thinks there are 25,000 to 30,000 consumptives in the city of New York. He announces that the treatment of consumptives has reached a point where, instead of being uniformly fatal, as was the case a few years ago, more than half of the patients are wholly or partly cured.

How to Trim an Obstruction. She—So you don't like the hat in front of us? How would you like it trimmed? He (savagely)—With a law mower.—Tit-Bits.

Negro Creeks. Of the 16,000 people belonging to the Creek nation, according to the latest report, no less than 6,000 are negroes. When a man says his scheme is "going like wildfire," it is safe to say he is advertising.

Invitation Reached the Wrong "G. W." but His Hat Saved Him. Because the notification wagon rattled up to the door just as most of the guests of the evening had assembled, and carried the host off to watch his place of business burn, one fine-looking young man in the company kept himself out of the way as much as possible, his countenance showing that he was both bored and embarrassed, says the Detroit Free Press.

"This is Mr. —" as she extended her hand. "Blank. I want to thank you for your kind invitation. I knew that our fathers were acquainted, but I have been away from Detroit since I was a youngster. It was very kind."

"You mean that your father and my husband are acquainted," but she looked so pleased that he knew his pretended mistake had scored. "I can't quite understand it. What are your initials, please?"

"G. W. Not George Washington, but George Worthington, for I see there is a mistake somewhere."

"A very pleasant one, however. To be frank with you, our eldest daughter is engaged to a G. W. Blank. He is not here, and she is inconceivable. Now you see it all."

"How awkward. Your daughter and I are the chief sufferers, I imagine, for it will be an easy thing to set matters right with my namesake, whom I shall come up and congratulate. Of course I couldn't make my peace with the disappointed one in her present frame of mind, but I've seen a very charming girl here whose looks tell me she, too, is your daughter. Possibly I could enlist her as a peacemaker."

All of this was accomplished with a musical voice, a deferential manner, and one of those smiles that women go down before. He was introduced, the little glow with a quiver made a special case of it, and it is settled that Blank of the sisters will be Mrs. G. W. Blank.

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