TOO MUCH STYLE.

Love had its birth in a cottage,
But soon began putting on airs,
For he said the old house was homely,
And needed too many repairs,
The ceilings were low, and the parlors
Unsuited to stylish display,
So Love with his youthful partner
Determined to move away.

Love purchased a modern dwelling,
Where everything was en suite,
A very palatial mansion
In a very palatial street;
And out of their rural cottage
Did Love and his better half
Depart, with no pang of sorrow,
To worship the golden calf.

She went to wedding receptions,
To parties, concerts and balls,
And the rest of her time devoted
To shopping and making calls;
Was hand-in hand with old Plutus,
Who tried his best, I'll engage,
To make this couple imagine
They lived in the Golden Age.

He had his clubs and his dinners,
Where ladies were not received,
And among the breakers and brokers
Was oft of his cash relieved;
And Love, that by many a token
Its tender regard displays,
Was taught to be civil-spoken
And free from old-fashioned ways.

Their children were watched by nurses,
And kept in such regal pomp,
There wasn't a chance for a frolic,
No, never a chance for a romp;
And the prattle of youthful voices,
And the clinging of baby arms,
For these very stylish parents
Had no very special charms.

And Love--who is never formal--
On being left in the lurch,
For a cherry and rosy corner
One morning began a search;
There were damask and satin curtains,
Velvet and plush around,
And over the stately mansion
Elegant things were found.

Mirrors that came from Venice,
Clear as Italian skies,
Rugs in their depths concealing
Turkish and Tyrean dyes;
Treasures from loom and quarry,
Glinting with many a spark,
Like flashes of lighting playing
Like elfin sprites in the dark.

But never a cozy corner
Where Love could make sweet delay,
Forgetting the losses and the crosses
And troublesome cares of the day;
And back to his native dwelling
Went Love--and he sighed the while,
And said: "There isn't a place for me
In a house where there's too much style."

In his Own Coin.

"Is this seat engaged?" he asked of the prettiest girl in the car, and, finding that it wasn't, he put his sample box in the rack and braced himself for solid enjoyment.

"Pleasant day," said the girl, coming for him before he could get his tongue unkinked. "Most bewildering day, isn't it?"

"Ye--yes," stammered the drummer. He wasn't in the habit of playing pitcher in this kind of match, and the position of catcher didn't fit him as tightly as his pantaloons.

"Nice weather for traveling," continued the girl; "much nicer than when it was cold. Are you perfectly comfortable?"

"Oh, yes, thnaks!" murmured the drummer.

"Glad of it," resumed the girl, cheerfully. "You don't look so. Let me put my shawl under your head, won't you? Hadn't you rather sit next to the window, and let me describe the landscape to you?"

"No, please," he muttered; "I--I'm doing well enough."

"Can't I buy you some peanuts, or a book? Let me do something to make the trip happy! Suppose I slip my arm around your waist! Just lean forward a trifle so I can!"

"You'll have to excuse me!" gasped the wretched drummer. "I--I don't think you really mean it!"

"You look so tired," she pleaded, "wouldn't you like to rest your head on my shoulder? No one will notice. Just lay your head right down and I'll tell you stories."

"No--no, thanks! I won't to-day! I'm very comfortable, thank you!" and the poor drummer looked helpless.

"Your scarf-pin is coming out. Let me fix it. There!" and she arrayed it deftly. "At the next station I'll get you a cup of tea, and when we arrive at our destination you'll let me call on you?" and she smiled an anxious prayer right up into his pallid countenance.

"I think I'll go away and smoke," said the drummer, and hauling down his gripsack, he made for the door, knee-deep in the grins showered upon him by his fellow passengers.

"Strange!" murmured the girl to the lady in front of her, "I only did with him just what he was making ready to do with me, and, big and strong as he is, he couldn't stand it. I really think women have stronger stomachs than men, and, besides that, there isn't any smoking car for them to fly to for refuge. I don't understand this thing."

But she settled back contentedly all the same; and at a convention of drummers held in the smoker that morning, it was unanimously resolved that her seat was engaged, so far as they were concerned, for the balance of the season.--[Detroit Free Press.

Naturally Literary.

Janet Hamilton lived in the town of Coatbridge in Lanarkshire, if I am not mistaken. I should like to tell you what can be done by one to whom God has given a great love of books. Janet Hamilton was the daughter of a shoemaker, who employed one journeyman, and, as might be reasonably supposed, she became the wife of that journeyman (laughter) at a very early age, earlier than I should recommend in similar cases. However, during her life she had a family of ten children, most of whom, I believe, grew up to manhood and womanhood (hear, hear). But she never went to school, and her mother, who was the shoemaker's wife, who taught her to read, did not learn to read till she was 50; she became blind at 60, and she lived, I think, until she was 75 or 76. As for the points of her life, she never saw a mountain, she never saw any river but the river Clyde, and she was never twenty miles away from her own humble dwelling. She read in childhood, at five or six years of age, Bible stories, little stories that her mother procured for her, and at eight years of age she found, by accident, on the beam of a weaver's loom in her neighborhood, two volumes, one was "Paradise Lost," and the other was Allan Ramsay's poems. She read with extraordinary eagerness, and did not forget what she read, as some of us are apt to do.

She read through the village library, history, biography, travels, and when she got to Shakespeare, Shakespeare was like a revelation to her. [Cheers.] She had no words in which she could express her admiration for his writings, and she said that in those days it was not considered a very good thing for serious people to read Shakespeare. [Laughter.] There was a hole in the wall in her house near the chair on which she nursed her children, and where she worked at some kind of tambour frame; and when people came in she put the Shakespeare into the hole in the wall so that it might not be seen, and her conduct critizised. She said that in her childhood her mother had led her every morning after she could read, to read a chapter in the bible, which was done without intermission till she left her home and had a home of her own. Her love of books was her ruling passion, notwithstanding the character of her childhood and the work she had to do. So far as I know, nothing was neglected, but she suffered from sitting up to read till 2 o'clock in the morning, for she believed that it had the effect of very much injuring and at last depriving her of her sight.

Somebody asked her how, having never been to school, she wrote so accurately--not only in a newspaper, but she wrote also for one of Cassell's publications when 54 years of age, and it is almost impossible now to read her writing, the letters are so curiously formed; but she was asked how she came to write so grammatically, and she replied: "You may as well ask why the lark can sing." God had given her not, as Sir David Dundas said, "a great love of books," but a natural gift of grammar. [Laughter.] This old lady has written poems, of which, if there were time, I would have quoted two or three, but certainly there are some of them which, if placed among the poems of Burns in a volume of his, no one would for a moment doubt they were the production of the greatest of all the Scotch poets.--From John Bright's Birmingham speech.

Brother Gardner's Latest Observations.

The president ordered thirteen windows to be raised, the ice in the water-pail to be renewed, and all the dogs turned out of the room, and then said:

"When you cum across a man who has no vices or weaknesses, drap him as you would a hot 'tater. De Lawd intended man to be mo' or less weak, wicked, an' wretched. It was not de ideah to turn out a perfect man. If it had been we should have had neither religion, preachers nor de Bible. Airth would have bin Heaben, an' dar would have bin no call.

"Natur' sometimes turns out a pusson widout guile, just as she turns out one-eyed colts and three-legged calves. Such pussons soon become known as either fools or lunatics. It am agin natur's way to bring men into dis world wid an angel's wings already half grown. An' it am a leetle suspicious to find a too good man. When you diskiver a human bein' who isn't lame somewhar'--who never deceives, cheats, lies, envies, covets--who goes about satisfied wid de weather, craps, an' himself--who won't bet, drink, go to de circus, or look upon a hoss race, you have foun' a man to be let alone. He too good. Natur' made him fur an angel and forgot to put him in heaben.

"I like a man who has weaknesses an' sins. Den I know he am a feller-mortal who was put on airth to be saved. I like a man who has has sickness, heartaches, an' grievous trouble. Den I am sartin of a man who has sympathy. I like a man who has been foolish 'nuff to git drunk and strong 'nuff to kick de temptashun over a seben-rail fence. Den you know whar to find him. He has been dar an' knows what a fool he was. I like a man who has been a liar and hasn't entirely recovered from de injury. Den I know how to trade horses wid him, an' I know what to believe when he tells me dat he has been fishin'.

"When a man tells me dat he has become so good dat he feels like bustin', I go right home an' put an extra padlock on my kitchen doah. When a man sheds tears ober de condishun of de far-off heathen, de heathen at home had better be keerful how dey lend him money. De man whose con'science won't let him go to places of amusements has been known to elope wid another man's wife. De man who can't remember dat he eber used an oath or tole a lie has bin follered across de ocean an' arrested fur robbin' widders an' orphans. De man who allus w'ars a smile am now sarvin' his third term in de State prison.

"Let me say to you in summin' up dat de man who sins an' knows it an' wants to do better am sooner to be trusted dan de man who neber sins an' feels dat he am good 'nuff. If you tie to a man, let it be to a man who feels dat he am weak an' sinful. You will den have a pardner who am not a freak of natur'. Let us now embarrass ourselves wid de regular order of bizness."--[Detroit Free Press.

Not a Flattering Exhibit.

It is sometimes difficult not to question the reality of modern progress, and to ask whether it is not in the main a sham. Take a little illustration which has just come under notice: Herbert Spencer, in carrying out his elaborate system of phylosophy, gathered together a vast mass of sociological observations and phenomena, which he caused to be arranged systematically in the most convenient order for reference, and which he published in eight folio parts, at a very moderate price. Yet, though there is abundance of talk about social science in these days, and though Herbert Spencer's "Descriptive Sciology" contained the most necessary and invaluable information appertaining to that branch of human knowledge, it was found impossible to sell the book in sufficient numbers to avoid loss. In this country, in fact, the sale was so restricted that after the third number, the Appletons refused to reproduce them. On this one work Mr. Spencer has incurred a positive loss of sixteen thousand dollars, for he had to publish it at his own expense. Now when we reflect that great fortunes are made by the publication of flash papers, dime novels, the most abominable literary trash, and that the New York Weekly, a vehicle of kitchen romance, has a larger circulation than any journal in the United States, it is impossible to retain the conviction that the progress of the age is as rapid as is commonly pretended. And such facts as we have cited are trustworthy evidence of the actual nature of the intellectual situation. The literature people buy to suit themselves, not to satisfy a mere fashion. The New York Weekly and the dime novels, and the flash paper show the intellectual level of the majority, and assuredly it is very little in advance of that of a century ago.

Some of the English society papers have at last found cause for a grievance against the Prince of Wales. It is alleged that on a recent occasion in the House of Lords, the Prince, desiring to vote on the measure before the House, applied his personal cloture to the debate, suggesting rather peremptorily, that the division be taken without further argument, as he wanted to go home. Anybody who has listened to the dreary debates in the House of Lords will sustain the Prince, no matter what the society papers say.

MISSING LINKS.

It is conquer or die with the good doctor; but the patient is expected to do the dying.

A thirteen-year-old girl in Louisiana has a heavy beard two inches long. This sounds like the talk of an advance agent for a circus.

A Dutch judge in Nebrrska on conviction of a culprit for having four wives, decided: "He hash bunishment plenty; I lifs mit one!"

Give a young man good clothes and a good character and he is fixed. He cannot do much with either one alone or both without energy.

Electricity and pneumatic tubes are taking the place of cash-boys in various cities. They don't talk back nor hide under counters to escape calls.

A careful perusal of the Philadelphia Ledger brings to light the startling information that a man has recently died in that city. Maps furnished upon application, to newspaper men. Outsiders need not apply.

An exchange says that sharks on the Atlantic coast are unusually stupid this year, because they grab at an old suit stuffed with hay when a schoolma'am is kicking the water two rods off. In justice to the shark let it be remembered that although he is not strictly gramnivorous nor herbbiverous, he prefers hay to sawdust and cotton-batting.

The price of land in the heart of the city of London has recently been established by the sale of a building site at the corner of St. Thomas Apostle and Queen streets, Cheapside, a short distance east of St. Paul's. The plat contained 1060 square feet and was sold in 1873 for £4900, equal to $23,755. Lately it was bought back for £10,000, equal to $48,500.

Two of the brokers were watching a lady who was sitting in the gallery yesterday, and wondering who she was, when they noticed another broker walk up and speak to her. "Now I know who she is," said one of the brokers; "she's Jack's wife." "How do you know?" "Because he neither took off his hat nor shook hands when he spoke to her." That settled it.--[Oil City Derrick.

Alvah Clarke & Sons, of Cambridge, are constructing the largest telescope in the world for the Lick Observatory in California. It will have a thirty-six inch object glass, and will cost $50,000 with the mounting. To test this instrument the firm is constructing a tower of brick supporting an immense iron cylinder with the necessary gearing. The instrument will be finished within about two years.

In this country, with a population of 50,000,000, there are 4,204,362 persons above the age of 21 years who cannot write. Of this number 2,056,463 are white, 1,747,000 negroes, about 300,000 Indians and 100,000 Asiatics. It is estimated that in almost every State in the union, and in the country as a whole, the balance of political power, so far as numbers, is or can be in the hands of the illiterate voters.

A countryman visiting Cleveland took a ride in a horse car. When he desired to stop the vehicle he pulled vigorously at one of the hand straps dangling from the rod above him. Then he sat down. After repeating this operation three times he was noticed by the conductor, who gave the proper signal and stopped the car. As the countryman dismounted in confusion he was heard to remark: "So many fixins on the goldarned thing 'ud mix anybody."

A company has been recently organized in Paris, with a capital of 2,000,000 francs, for the purpose of establishing in New York a museum modeled closely on the Musee Grevin, situated on the boulevarde Montmatre. The place will be known as Eden Musee Grevin, of New York, and will be situated somewhere between Union and Madison squares, and not far from, if off Broadway. The museum, it is thought, will be ready early in 1833.

Pennsylvania may fairly claim to have the stupidest man in the country. He is a farm hand near Lebanon and was hired to plow a ten-acre field. His boss, wishing him to plow a straight furrow, directed his attention to a cow grazing in an adjoining field and told him to drive directly toward her. On his return, half an hour later, he found the cow had left her place and was walking about, while the hired man, in pursuit of her, was driving a zig-zag furrow all over the field.

A San Francisco paper that has so long opposed Chinese immigration that it feels nothing but enmity for all foreigners, says savagely: "Twenty-five thousand greasy and unkempt immigrants are the daily average now landing at Castle Garden for distribution throughout our country. The land and government that can digest the ignorance, crime, squalor, disease and dirt that is embraced in an annual million of immigrants must have the stomach of an ostrich.

Mr. Lambart of Beau Pare, Ireland, one of whose daughters is Maid of Honor to Queen Victoria, has had nine daughters, of whom eight survive. Lord Alfred Paget, Clerk Marshall to the Queen, has eight daughters all unmarried. There is a prevailing feeling in England to-day that Protestant nunneries must soon come into vogue. The Queen, meanwhile, shows her sympathy as best she can towards these quiversful, but Maids of Honor rarely marry.

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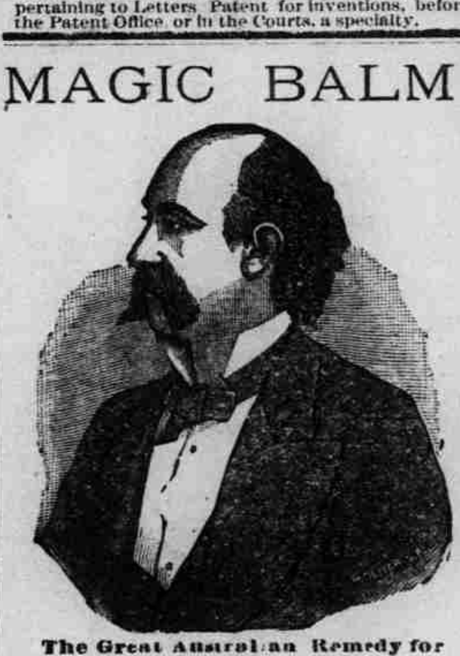

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