

Blennerhassett.

Blennerhassett contrived to exist till the year 1831, when he ended his sad career, dying in the arms of his wife, in the 63d year of his age. For eleven long years Mrs. Blennerhassett struggled with both hands and head to support her family, till age creeping upon her, she resolved to visit New York and attempt to get some compensation for her property destroyed by United States troops. She arrived in that city in 1842 with an invalid son. Most of the actors in that drama, the recollection of which she wished to revive, had passed away, and the scenes in which it had been acted had long ago been stripped by civilization of the charms that had endeared them to her youth. Burr had died in a miserable lodging, and alone. His daughter, Mrs. Alston, who had shown a noble devotion to him in his hours of trial, had embarked on a sea-voyage thirty years before, and had never since been heard of. Emmet, Blennerhassett's old friend, however, still lived, and together with Henry Clay, who in his youth had been an honest guest at the island in the Ohio, beheld with deep sympathy this lone and poverty-stricken widow—the once lovely Mrs. Blennerhassett. It is needless to say that those gentlemen took her cause in hand. In the memorial presented by Clay to Congress, occur these words: "Mrs. Blennerhassett is now in this city residing in very humble circumstances, bestowing her cares on a son, who, by long poverty and sickness, is reduced to utter imbecility both of body and mind. In her present destitute situation the smallest amount of relief would be thankfully received by her. Her condition is one of absolute want, and she has but a short time left to enjoy any better fortune in this world." The plea would doubtless have been allowed had not death come to the relief of the poor forlorn woman. Mrs. Blennerhassett breathed her last in a poor lodging in New York, attended only by some Irish Sisters of Charity, at whose expense her remains were laid in one of the public cemeteries of that vast city, in which, nearly a half century before, she had been welcomed in the first flush of youth and beauty as an honored guest and bride.—Macmillan's Magazine.

School-Girls and Jewelry.

Is it not a sad comment upon the folly of the times? A girl's boarding-school in New York is robbed by a person employed in the house. The list of articles lost by school-girls shows "a diamond-ring with twelve stones, valued at \$1,800; a gold necklace with opal and diamond pendants, a solitaire diamond-ring, a diamond collar-button, a ring set with twenty-five pearls," and so forth.

Is there any other country on the face of the earth where girls in school would be sent forth with jewelry fit only for older people, and different surroundings?

The carelessness with which the articles seem to have been left accessible to a servant, shows the unwisdom of the whole thing, and isn't it a trifle vulgar?—Advance.

An Incident.

Human nature is a curious study. The other night at the Union depot one of the hands, while sweeping out, thought he saw a twenty-five cent piece under one of the benches. He went down on his knees immediately and covered the piece with his hand.

While he was in this position a well-dressed lady tapped him on the shoulder and said:

"I just dropped that."
"What is it, madam?" was the gentlemanly interrogatory.

"I think it is a quarter."
He placed it without further parley, in her hand, and she, tightly holding it, went away. What was her dismay to discover that it was a peppermint lozenge.—New Haven Register.

Helping a Fellow Up.

Tommy is tugging away at another urchin who is pitifully crying on the ground.

"What are you doing, Tommy?"
"O! only helping a fellow up."

That is right, Tommy. Now, take that as your motto through life, to "help a fellow up."

There is that drunkard who is down through drink, and there is the man that is poor, or sick, or tempted. Give each a hand, and "help a fellow up."

What would have become of Martin Luther, when he was a young man singing in the streets for his bread, if some one who had an eye to observe him and a heart to feel for him, had not put out a hand and helped a fellow up? There are thousands to-day who never could have stood where they now are if friendly souls had not extended aid and "helped a fellow up."

Moody on Grab-Bags.

"And there are your grab-bags—your grab-bags! I tell you there is too much of this. Your fairs and your bazaars won't do, and your voting, your casting of ballots for the most popular man or woman, just helping along their vanity. I tell you it grieves the spirit, it offends God. They've got so far now that for 25 cents young men can come in and kiss the handsomest woman in the room. Think of this! Look at the church lotteries going on in New York. Before God, I would rather preach in any barn, or in the most miserable hovel on earth, than within the walls of a church paid for in this way. What is the use of going to a gambling den when you can have a game of grab with a lady for a partner? I tell you it's about time you stopped hiring ungodly men and ungodly women to sing in your church choirs, just because they have a good voice. You smile. I tell you it's no smiling matter. You ought to blush with shame; that's what you ought to do. And there is such a thing as having an organist who gets drunk, and who can't play but he must go back every now and then and get a drink to refresh him."—E.

Learning to Sew.

To be handy with the needle is one of the sterling accomplishments of every educated woman. To be able to take the "stitch in time" is worth all the trouble and time that are required to learn the art. Like walking, reading and many other things which we come to do without special thought, the learning to sew is a slow process, and should be begun while the child is still quite young. The girl should not only have the use of the thread, needles and patchwork, but be instructed how to take the stitches, turn the corners, and do various other things connected with needle work. We are not excluding the boys in our remarks, because they need to learn to thread a needle, and do general sewing. Men are many times so situated that they must depend upon themselves for their necessary sewing. Even if it is an age of sewing machines, it is best that all children should learn to use the simple common old-fashioned kind which can never be wholly superseded. The amusement and occupation that sewing furnishes little folks afford a sufficient reason why all mothers should see that their girls and boys too, learn to sew; but the very practical use of the needle in after life is the practical reason, after all.

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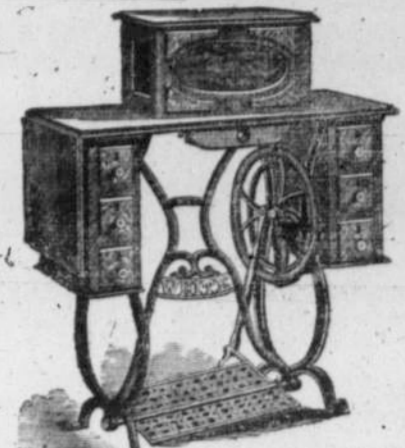
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