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GROWING FANCY FOR HAND.

its fr ept Be write valentine poetry to order. feelings with dolorous prophecies re-She is behind time," said one of the Onta rincipal manufacturers of valentines, for this season, and a little early for ext. There are not many valentine

riters, and I don't think that if you the light of their respective houseunted them over you would find one holds, the life of the social circle istinguished name among them, or hilarity, and construct a rag carpet ven one that you had ever heard belaid ven one that you had ever heard be with exultant glee; women whose of or ritten by a lady in Bangor, Me. their homes-and yet these same Soth an he writes also for another house. Jus ma

usiness, and she possessed natural alents for it; so in that way she got nto it, and, once in, keeps right along. where the provide the providet the providet the provide the providet the provide the he late A. J. Fisher, who was the above proof. There is too much of this unshed-tear style of poetry going around. We know that the world is hollow, irei swi ed a

Lon Vhen you get an idea fit for a verse ss ti ou can sort of model it over a few nine imes. F'rinstance:

roug to thou upon my heart doth glow, my Valked

a bras "And then again, by a slight twist f the wrist you get:

As in the gold the ruby's gleam doth shine, in my heart thy image sits, my Val-entine. Berlin 4

ident "Or, by a slight wrench to the rank:

Like the sparkling glow in the juice of the vine, Fire thy eyes in my heart, my sweet Val-

dera "Same idea, you see; reels off just is easy as yarn off a ball. Lots of v his

erre ur Valentine poetry we sort of pick ip. Newspapers sometimes have poetical fancies in them that we hap-pen to drop on, and occasionally we at an chop out a good chunk of heart hrob and burning love where you'd nardly notice it, and where the poet who originally wrote it would himself be sort of surprised at the liscovery. Of course we might docor it up a little-make it trump in a ittle better for our uses, you knowout we would keep the original idea fairly, nevertheless."

Another dealer in the most expensive sort of imported and hand-made valentines said: "There is hardly valentines said: "There is hardly inv novelty in the imported lace-paper valentines. The same things that were good enough for us when we were young and spooney, if made over fresh, are good enough for those in who are young and spooney now, and will be for their grandchildren when they begin to get soft about the heart lifty years from now. But for a few years past there has been a growing fancy for hand-painted valentines, and for them there is a demand for original poetry. That is probably the trade that 'the poetess' is striking 117 for. Acrostics are popular in them. They are poorly paid for as a rule, for they are not much in demand— the verses, I mean. The hand-paint-B ed valentines are well-paid for, you may be sure, and their manufacture ined is conducted in quite a private way. nce But the people who order them, as a the general thing, grind out their own love-sick doggerel, and no matter how bad it is the girl who gets it will oster his ral think it divine if a diamond ring is part of the valentine, as it sometimes her That poetess won't go to Europe next summer on the profits of her valentine writing, I'll bet.--[N. Y. and Dear Sun.

DOLOROUS LITERATURE.

Most of the poetry manufactured rerful Poetic Genius not Required in the Art. in the present day is written by women. A marked feature of almost all of it is gloom and low-spirited woe. There is nothing cheerful about it. A Poetess" has been advertising with a past, and harrowing our garding a joyless and insolvent future. This would lead one to believe that the average poetess is bilious, but such is not the case. We have known some women who were

women, when they sat down with pen in hand, and when the poetry began style ome of her relatives were in the to boil up inside them, would become

hether it was the purely comic, the engefully satirical, or the gushingly entimental. The lady in Bangor is he best in the line. It doesn't re-weary interlude, and that death will weary interlude, and that death will uire a really very powerful poetic enius to grind out valentine poetry. of poetry) but Job and David and Solo mon told us all that long ago, and we

protest against these time-worn and dismal truisms being repeated every As on the gold the diamond bright doth shine, yet defective rhyme, halting rhyme, and no reason at all.

Let there be a revolution in this matter, and the world will be all the better for it. Let us have something cheerful, some poetry with hope, and joy, and gladness in it. Although the rose has thorns, don't grieve over that, but rather remember that it has beauty and a sweet odor. Banish the clouds, sweep out the dead au-tumn leaves, and give us sunshine and budding flowers.

ST. SOPHIA IN DANGER-

For some time past the condition of St. Sophia, the largest and most magnificent of Constantinople's three hundred mosques, has been such as to inspire considerable anxiety in the breasts of true believers. During the reign of Abdul Medjid, this monumental edifice, which at that time exhibited alarming symptoms of de-cay, was submitted to an elaborate and costly process of restoration un-der the Italian architect Fossati, and the completion of its repair was celebrated on the 19th of July, 1849, by the present Sultan's father, who re-opened the sacred building for public worship in person, and caused a large number of golden medals to be struck and distributed among the faithful, in commemoration of that auspicious occasion. Fossati's work, however, has not stood the test of time, and it appears that the huge cupola of "Aja-Sophia" is at the present moment threatened with collapse. A few days ago the committee of architects appointed by Subhi Pasha, the Evkaf Naziri, or Administrator of ecclesiastical property to investigate the state of the venerable mosque, reported to his Excellency that the cupola might fall in any day, crushing to death hundreds upon hundreds of those who daily offer up prayer within the precincts of Justinian's colossal structure. It is stated that

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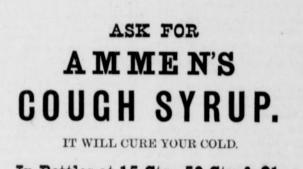
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.... TALMAGE ON SNORERS.

I wish to put myself right on this for pro subject. I have no objection to snorthere are species of snoring that are positively impressive and suggestive. I have had interviews of this kind with gentlemen whom I shall never forget. I have arisen sometimes and lit the gas to look upon the face of such gentlemen occupying the same apprtments in crowded hotels. I have taken upon myself on such oc-casions the responsibility of rolling have taken upon myself on such oc-casions the responsibility of rolling such a one over to hear with what variety he would entertain me. I have returned to my pillow astounded at his capacity, and wondered wheth er it was a natural or an acquired taste. To satisfy my curiosity, I have pro-jected my pillow in the direction of the nasal performer and have been amply rewarded with new varieties of notes. I have heard one person as-

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of an hour. First, beginning with a soft breathing like that of a bashful novice, it rises up into a steady, strong breathing, as if every inspiration were a hard pull. Then, enlarging into a rattle like the rattle of a chain cable in a steamboat cabir. when the pilot gives a turn to the wheel, it goes off into a puff like that of an engine. Deepening into a groan and passing from thence to a gurg-ling of the throat, as though strangulation were going on. It rises into a long and monotonous succession of roars. Then, breaking out into ter-rific ebullitions of sound, as if an orang-outang, a lion and a dozen wild animals were engaged in a mortal combat, it suddenly ceases, and the performer awakens and wonders that you can't sleep. Men who detter that you can't sleep.

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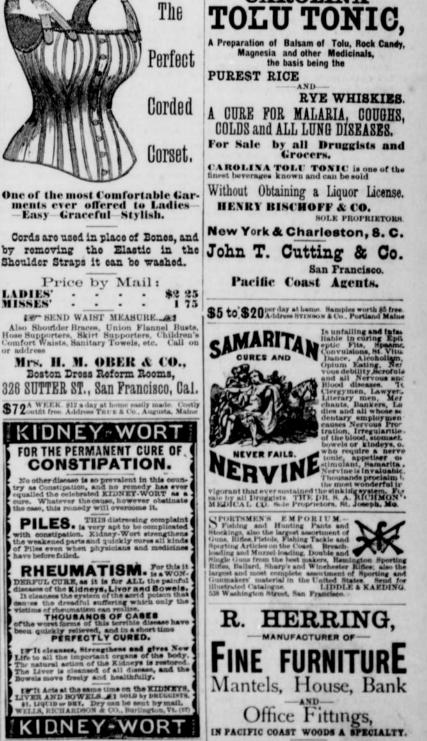
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