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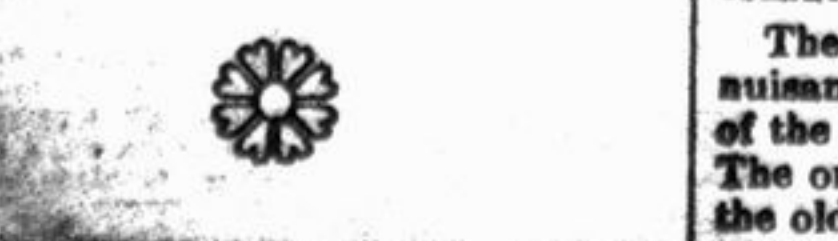
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 Fulton Wanted to Buy a Bottle of Wine
 with It, but Couldn't Afford It.
 "One of the most interesting incidents
 of a business nature connected with
 Fulton's steamboat enterprise was the
 first steamboat fare paid to him," said
 Uncle Joshua to the Boston Herald
 man. The narrator of this, who was
 also one of the actors in the scene, says:
 "I chanced to be at Albany on business
 when Fulton arrived there in his un-
 heard-of craft, which everybody felt so
 much interest in seeing. Being ready
 to leave and hearing that this craft was
 going to return to New York. I re-
 paired on board and inquired for Mr.
 Fulton. I was referred to the cabin
 and there found a plain, gentlemanly
 man, wholly alone and engaged in writ-
 ing."
 "Mr. Fulton, I presume?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Do you return to New York with
 this boat?"
 "We shall try to get back, sir."
 "Can I have a passage down?"
 "You can take your chance with us,
 sir."
 "I inquired the amount to be paid
 and, after a moment's hesitation, a sum
 —I think \$6—was named. The amount
 in coin I laid in his open hand and, with
 his eye fixed upon it, he remained so
 long motionless that I supposed there
 might be a miscout and said to him:
 "Is that right, sir?"
 "This question roused him as from a
 kind of reverie, and, as he looked up to
 me, the big tear was brimming in his
 eye and his voice faltered as he said:
 "Excuse me, sir, but my memory was
 busy in contemplating this, the first
 pecuniary reward I have ever received
 from all my exertions in adapting steam
 to navigation. I would gladly com-
 memorate the occasion over a bottle of
 wine with you, but really I am too poor
 even for that just now. Yet I trust we
 may meet again when this will not be
 the case."
 "His voyage to New York was suc-
 cessful, as all know, and terminated
 without accident."
 "Some four years after this, when the
 Clermont had been greatly improved
 and her name changed to the North
 River, and when two other boats—namely,
 the Car of Neptune and the Paragon—
 had been built, making Mr. Fulton's
 fleet three boats regularly plying be-
 tween New York and Albany. I took
 passage on one of these for the latter
 city. The cabin in that day was below,
 and as I walked its length, to and fro,
 I saw that I was very closely observed
 by one I supposed a stranger. Soon, how-
 ever, I recalled the features of Mr. Ful-
 ton, but without disclosing this, I con-
 tinued my walk."
 "At length, in passing his seat, our
 eyes met, when he sprang to his feet,
 and, eagerly seizing my hand, ex-
 claimed: 'I knew it must be you, for
 your features have never escaped me;
 and, although I am still far from rich,
 yet I may venture that bottle now.' It
 was ordered, and during its discussion
 he ran rapidly, but vividly, over his ex-
 perience of the world's coldness and
 sneers, and of the hopes, fears, disap-
 pointments and difficulties that were
 scattered through his whole career of
 discovery—up to the very point of his
 final, crowning triumph, at which he so
 fully felt he had arrived at last."
 "And in reviewing all these, he said:
 'I have again and again recalled the oc-
 casion and the incident of our first in-
 terview at Albany; and never have I done
 so without renewing in my mind the
 vivid emotion it originally caused. That
 seemed, and does still seem, to me the
 turning-point in my destiny—the divid-
 ing line between light and darkness in
 my career upon earth, for it was the first
 actual recognition of my usefulness to
 my fellow-men.'"

Advocating the Greek Dress.
 Lucasta—When you advocate Greek
 dress, you lose sight of another ob-
 jection, or rather defect, in it for our
 requirements. It leaves the neck too
 bare.
 Urbane—I should have said that that
 is one of its great merits. The spring
 of the neck from the shoulders is one of
 the characteristic beauties of the human
 figure—a beauty which the old Greek
 dress displayed.
 L.—Yes, and the old Greek dress
 was, no doubt, suited to the old Greek
 life and to the climate where it was
 lived. But it would not suit our ways
 and our climate to have the neck bare
 all day and all the year.
 U.—Surely it is very much a matter
 of habit, which may be altered. I have
 heard my mother say that in her youth
 the collar of a woman's gown was ar-
 ranged to show the collar-bones of the
 wearer, even in morning costume. I
 don't know that there were any more
 colds or sore throats then than now.
 L.—I suspect there were more among
 women. And it is pretty certain, I be-
 lieve, that the craze for "classical" dress
 in our grandmothers' days, during
 which women went about décolleté and
 bare-armed, in flimsy clothes and win-
 try weather, resulted in a great in-
 crease of lung and throat ailments.
 U.—On the other hand I have been
 told that the doctor strongly disap-
 proves the muffling up of the throat
 with "boas" and fur tippets, now so
 much in vogue.
 L.—True. But does not our argu-
 ment, as usual, tend to recommend the
 just medium which is always the safest
 way? Let there be neither excess nor
 deficiency in the amount of clothing
 worn.—Nineteenth Century.

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 Atlantic covers 31,000,000 more. Thus
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