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THURSDAY MORNING AUG. 16, 1883.

POETRY

"I MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE KINI There came a letter from over the sea.

Ouly a little letter. And a young man, weeping, cried, " Ah, me! Would that I had done better ! Now, that the mother I love is dead, I see how usuch I have left unsaid. Alas! for the days forever fled.

I might have been more kind!

There came a letter out of the West. There never would come another: Pardon a dying brother." O then in remorse a head was bowed.

feartbreaking thoughts to memory crowd.

"Brother! Oh. Brother!" one eried alond.

" Would I had been more kind ." A man sat musing in sorrow and pain. Musing-though be was hurried-"Poor Frank! I never shall see him again. Down in the deep sea buried! He was my friend, both loving and strong.

Naught of my friendship he saked that was Would I had helped the dear fellow along ! World I had been more kind!"

Coldier stood over a lonely grave. White in the wintry weather. "He was my enemy, cool and brave. Oft we had fought together. Now but a handful of dust and clay. Where is my scorn and anger to-day? Oh! in the days that have passed away. Would I had been more kind!

"Would I had been more kind to my wife!" "Would I had belped my brother !" "Oh! If to-day I could bring back to life. Just for one hour .- My Mother ? "Oil for my father!" - "My Lover." -- "My

"Ah. it is better such longings to send. After a love that has come to an end. After a Wrong no sorrow can mend :--Rould I had been more kind ."

OUR STORY.

THE WOODEN WEDDING.

"Suke, do you know that a week from to-morrow will be the timber anniversary of that dear commubial day, when Cupid hovering over the altar, tied the hymenial

anot which made us twain ?" Ben delivered the above fine bit of oratory, not in the effective, off-hand manner which proves the impromptu, but with a halting precision which betrayed the effort it had cost to formulate and remember it nor was it the first fine speech I have heard delivered with an effort.

"I suppose you mean wooden wedding." "Yes, but doesn't timber mean wood. I'd like to know? Now I'll tell you what I've

been thinking. I want to celebrate it. celebration of that sort would be new in this neck of woods, you see, and I think i would take big. It wouldn't cost much, and there is no telling the useful things which our friends might bring us. The milk, eggs, butter, meat, fruit and flour we have in plenty now, and, according to my figuring, ten dollars for sweets and other jim-jacks would furnish a sumptuous supper for fifty or more persons. I read the other day about an old fellow of eighty, married to his fourth wife, who celebrated his wooden wedding, and his friends who we laid us down to spend the small hours attended the supper brought them just | between us and day in fitful slumber. If oodles of things, among the rest a set of Ben and I should live to see our diamond parlor furniture and a nice top buggy. I wedding we will never celebrate another. believe it pays to celebrate one's wooden wedding, to say nothing of the pleasant occasion of meeting one's friends. I'll fix up the back porch for them to pile the heavy furniture on, and if any one brings a new to a certain country store in Kentucky, reaper or a top buggy it can just be left in | drove up to the establishment the other | the door-yard. Those who bring 'precious | day and asked to see the boss. goods in small packages' can put them on the parlor table. I have written out the invitation card, which I will read to you: door. "We, the undersigned, have concluded to surprise our friends, and give them an op- | see ?" portunity of showing their appreciation of us, by celebrating our wooden wedding on date \_\_\_. All who receive a duplicate of this card are cordially requested to come and bring a good appetite and whatever other valuable piece of furniture his or her generosity may suggest .- Benjamin and

Sukey." There, if you will allow me, I think that's straight to the point, and flatter myself it is somewhat original." "For mercy's sake, Ben, stop and take breath and let me speak. It is very easy to talk about entertaining and furnishing not so easy to make the needed arrangements. How do you suppose I am going to get through such an affair, and no help to be had this side of Africa, that I know of? Here is a bit of wisdom I want you to law." stow away for future reference to. The good appetites brought to celebrations of the kind you desire to make, generally far

outnumber all other valuable pieces of furniture produced for the occasion." "Now Suke, don't go and spoil all my nice plans with a big wet blanket. My heart is so set on this celebration. You know a fellow cannot have but one wooden friends will do a nice thing by us, in the books, an' not unconstrue so many words." handy."

way of presents, you know. I'll help

The next two days Ben spent writing out the invitations, then the cooking began id earnest, and Ben beat the eggs and I stirred batter and kneaded dough till my head grew dizzy.

At last the evening of the important day arrived, and leaving the culinary department for an hour or two in care of Melinds Jones, Ben and I arrayed in our best bib and tucker, stood at the hall door to receive our guests. Ben holding a tablet on which he kept tally of each arrival.

"Bixty-five guests and thirty-one par cels," sighed Ben, as the clock tolled off the stroke of eight. "Suke, what do you spose is in all those queer looking little wads which they have been piling on the

parlor table !" " Precious goods in small parcels," whispered I, "but I havn't heard any deposits on the back porch."

"No," suswered Ben, they have all come straight in from the front gate to the half door, and the presents, whatever they are are in that conglomeration on the table. most begin to wish we had not celebrated

Just then Melinda poked her head in a the opposite door, and gave me a significant wink, and I hurried into the kitchen to find that her youngest hopeful had managed to push the cover off the ice cream, and had filled the vessel containing it to overflowing by throwing into it young Fletcher Bigbee's new ulster, which the meddlesome cherub had managed to pull down from the clothes rack in the hall. Of course Melinda was almost in hysterics, and I had to smother my own regrets to comfort her, while George Washington washed out the coat and hung it behind the stove to dry. Then I had to extract Ben from the sitting-room and explain the mishap to him, which was a sore disappointment, for he had prided himself no

little on the preparation of that ice cream. The next mishap was the breaking down of the parlor sofa, then young Primrose Plemming caught his feet in Miss Tulip Springer's train, and fell forward into the dressing-case glass and shivered it to

Daring supper I heard Mrs. Bigbee remark to Col. Flemming that she thought it looked real little not to have ice cream. At last the supper was over, and the cakes and goodies whice were not eaten in spring.

were stowed in baskets by loving mothers ! who had promised their wailing darlings | and well decomposed; for fresh manure that if they would be good they would excites the growth, but does not mature it. bring them some. Melinda took a basket | full, and Sally Grub and several others ! fruit. took a basket full, and even Mrs. Bigbee took a slice of jelly cake for her little !

Supper is gone -the guests are gone-Ben and I stand face to face for a moment ; but in spring to promote fruitfulness. I know that I look tired, for I feel so. Ben looks glum, and silently we turn and fall ! tressises. to examining our presents.

Summary - Six cheap walking-sticks; good arms. seven wooden tobacco-pipes; three bootjacks; one carved cigar box, varnished: four rolling-pins; five potato-mashers; one bunch tooth-picks, and the balance in butter-paddles, or ladles, if you prefer the | climb.

"Sake," in a hollow, mournful tone, "I'm tired, awful tired."

" So am I."

"I am almost sick, too." " So am L."

"And I am-disappointed." "So am I." I was just opening my lips to sav told you so," but he looked so doleful resolutely closed them again, and silently

He Wasn't Boss Any More.

A traveling man who makes yearly visits

"How are you, Smith?" he said, when a very depressed looking man came to the

"How are you? Who did you want to

"I wanted to see the boss." "All right, I'll call-"Why, ain't you the boss ?" " No, 'not any more," and he looked over

his shoulder in a frightened way.

"You were when I was here a year "Yes, I know it, but you see I've got married since then.

Misapplication.

The illustration of words in conduct does

not always express their true meaning. "Yer hab sent me a threatenin' letter. sah," said an Arkansaw negro to an acquaintance, "an' I'se gwine to hab yer 'rested and han'led mighty rough by the

" My letter was not threatening." "Didn't yer say yer owes me money, an wants yer to remit?" "Yes, that's what I said."

"Don't remit mean yer's gwine to whip

me the fust time yer seed me?" "Certainly not." "Den I knows a man what used dat

A Mistake Which Mothers Make When the daughter has grown up selfish and domineering it is primarily the mothers own fault. The fond mother, especially if she has few of the good things of this world, is too likely to say: "I will sacrifice everything for my child. I will do without, that she may possess; I willdrudge, that she may be a lady. I will stay out of society and wear old clothes. that she may go out as well dressed as her

companious and enjoy herself." That is the first misstep. Any mother who follows that plan will be the slave of her daughter before slie is out of pinafores and the daughter is sure to grow up selfish, exacting, silly and unreasonable. By and by the mother looks for some reward. She doesn't ask for fine clothes and relief from drudgery-she has got used to her hard lot ; but she craves a little sympathy and commendation from the worshipped daughter

for whom she " has done so much." Aye, altogether too much; so much that it has spoiled the girl's naturally sweet and unselfish disposition. Mary is a little uneasy once in a while, but she has no real sympathy with her toil worn mother. She is ashamed of her mother's old fashioned clothes, though she takes as her right all the new ones herself, and the æsthetic young lady is impatient and mortified because her mother can't talk

about anything but "common domestic subjects, you know." This is all wrong. As long as a woman has a home, she should be the undisputed mistress of it, the superior officer. As long as a daughter remains in her father's house, she is the natural and proper subordinate of her mother. Daughters brought up to understand this, and to ! share their actions accordingly, receive a discipiine which best fits them to be in a train is late when it hasn't come. their turn mistresses of their own homes and judicious mothers. A mother is right in desiring the best welfare of her child; but it is better for the child that her mother should maintain her own dignified position, and that she should make the

most of herself intellectually and socially. Maxims for Grape Growers.

The l'ine Dreser lays down the following rules, which may be aptly termed the grape-grower e-maxims : 1. Prepare the ground in the fall; plant

2. Give the vine plenty of manure, old, 3. Luxuriant growth does not insure

4. Dig deep, but plant shallow. 5. Young vines produce beautiful fruit. but old vines produce the richest. 6. Prune in the autumn to insure growth,

7. Plant your vines before you put up 8. Vines like old soldiers, should have 9. Prune spurs to one developed bad for the nearer the old wood the higher

flavoured the fruit. 10. Those who pruine long must soon 11. Vine leaves love the sun; the fruit loy and not pain around us.

12. Every leaf has a bud at the base, and | people can live is the truth; the real with either a banch of fruit or a tendril oppos-13. A tendril is an abortive fruit bunch

-a bunch of fruit, a productive tendril.

14. A bunch of grapes without a healthy leaf opposite it is like a ship at sea without a rudder—it cannot come to port. 15. Laterals are like some politicians

if not checked, they are the worst of

How to Keep Comfortable. It is supposed by most persons that they bathe in cold water, drink iced lemonade, ginger ale, ice-water, etc., sleep with a thin covering over them, eat cold dinners, and rub their face with their pocket handkerchiefs every few minutes, that they will be cool, or, at least as comfortable as the weather will permit. Now, this is all wrong. A cold drink makes one feel exceedingly comfortable for a few moments, and then the individual will feel warmer than ever and perspire more profusely. The best way to keep cool is as follows: Do not drink any ice-water; take only one glass of soda or lemonade a day; eat a warm dinner, but do not eat quite as much as you want; take hot tea or coffee for breakfast, just as you do in winter; sleep with a very light gauze blanket over you in the night, and take a sponge-bath in tepid salt water before retiring. This makes the body cool, and keeps mosquitoes away. Do | the men who was pointed out "as crazy as not wear a heavy hat or tight collar; wear light flannels, low-out aboes, carry an umbrella, and, above all, do not rub your face too often, because the action only heats the skin to a greater degree and makes you perspire more freely. If this of honor conferred upon him by every civ-

and healthier. Anything That Was Handy.

advice is strictly followed you will be cooler | ilized power on the globe.

Little Sam Wrinkler, on visiting a neigh oring family last Saturday, was addressed by the lady of the house: "What can I do for you, my little man,"

she asked. "I dunno," said Sam. "Mamma told me not to ask for a cake or pie, as I did last time, and I'm sorter at a loss to know

THE DUDE. BY H. C. DODOE. A is the actress this dude so besets. is is his billiards, bills, bouquets, and bets. C is his: and collar. D is his drinks

E is his eye glass and English sire. F is the free lunch that he DOVEL G is the girl ho endeavors to mash. H is his hat

just as flat as his cash. I is his ign'o- rance, always dis- played. is the jewellery on him array-K is his knowledge of 1011 v sin. Lis his legs that are crooked and thin. M is modstache, nine hair to a side. N is his nock- tie, 4 coil- ed shirt to hide. O's hi. old man whom he will not endorse. P is his pocket-book, empty, of

course. Q is his quarrel when he gets a kick. R is the racket that makes him so sick. S is his shoes sharp

tailor . fill . with woe. bis uncle, who PAYS b 111. V is bis 'Tice that makes look It's his Wash-

woman scolding the beat. X is 'xer- tion to keep ou his feet. Y is his yawns, for he's red out quite. Z is the Zigzaghe walks when be's tight.

Fun and Fancy. A lawyer is about the only man that ever made anything by opposing a woman's

One who knows says that in the country they blow a horn before dinner, but in town

they take one. The starting point of many a love match -The old man's boot.

Why are bores like trees? Because we love them best when they leave. We hear a good deal about the "rage for speculation;" but the rage generally comes after the speculation.

A wit being asked, on the failure of a bank, "Were you not ubset?" replied. 'No, I only lost my balance." What a curious language English is. A man is late when he is dead and gone and

A housekeeper asks: "What is the simplest way to keep jelly from moulding on the top?" Shut a small boy up in the pantry for a few minutes. "I would like scolloped oysters," she

remarked. He answered meaning to be funny "I don't know how to scallop oysters." "Then bias some," said she. Artist (on summer tour): "Ah, madam, might I have the pleasure of painting your picturesque little cottage?" Country dame : "Wa'al, I don't know. Guess ye

can. Ye might whitewash the fence, too. if ye like."

Words of Wisdom. Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well

as to think. His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory

The fountain of beauty is the heart, and every generous thought illustrates the walls of your chamber. The ornaments of a house are the friends

Nothing great was ever achieved without There is no beautifier of complexion or form, or behaviour, like the wish to scatter

the real; a ground upon which nothing is Poetry is the only verity-the expression of a sound mind speaking after the ideal

and not after the apparent.

The finest and noblest ground on which

We prize books, and they prize them most who are themselves wise. In the highest civilization the book is still the highest delight. The crowning fortune of a man is to be born to some pursuit which finds him em

ployment and happiness, whether it be to

make baskets, or broadsword, or canals, or statues, or songs.

The First Telegraph. The first telegraph message ever sent by one instrument and recorded by another was over a short line erected in New York. by Prof. Morse in 1837. It read thus:

"Attention, the Universe !- By King-

This was five years after he had begun

doms, right wheel !"

work on it, and seven years before the line between Baltimore and Washington was erected. The latter was completed on the first day of the convention in Baltimore at which James K. Polk was nominated for the Presidency. The first message on this line was :-

"What hath God wrought?" Signed, 'Fanny Ellsworth," a daughter of one of Just think of it!" Only forty years ago the whole world jeered and ridiculed Morse and his proposed electric telegraph. In later years he was decorated with badges

The world moves. Lasting reputashuns are of a slow growth; the man who wakes up famous some morning is very apt to go to bed some night and sleep it off .- Billings.

who, when saked to stand up and "say his verse," did it thus: "Be not overcome of evil, but come it over evil with good." John G. Whittier, the post, never drank wedding, unless unless he marries again, remit, and de fust time he seed me he what to ask for, for I don't know what else a glass of grog, never imous a cigar, never

And here is a Boston Sunday-school boy,

Dispensing Chemists. and somehow I just feel it in my bones hopped on me and bruised me scan lous. I you've got in your pantry, anyhow, but I chewed tobacco, and never indelged in prothat we will have a jolly time, and our wish folks would pay more tention ter der can put up with most anything that's family. Notwithstanding all this, he is over seventy years of age.