

Forty.

THE IDOL OF A WESTERN LIFE.

BY KILA FARMER.
Straying here at dusk I, housewife merry,
Lean upon the fence and listen through the gloom,

Watch the sunset fade from yonder gleaming ferry,
Harking with my heart for Joe's light whistle home.

All so quaintly built, brown and low our house
Nought but simple-hearted shepherd folk are we,

But we live content as our own moss-roses,
Tho' the noisy world doth unite not Joe and me.

Rustic king and queen of these rural riches;
Humming hives of bees, and manly flocks and herds,

And a beautiful and fruitful orchard which is
Full of sweet, sweet clover grass and nests of birds.

By a silver, broad, lone and silent river,
'Twixt the river and the mossy ancient wood,

Is our rustic home; and the wood-fowl ever
Cieeth all day through this peaceful neighbor-hood.

By the summer's fair greenest-kirtled fairies
In the woodbine's flowering, dark-leaved sculpture laid

In a corusc rare round our stoop; and there in
Love's own arbor feat and moon-paved promenade.

Or it do the tall, clambering morning-glories
Spill at dawn their dainty cups of perfumed dew;

There walk Joe and I with our household stories—
I and Joe, good farmer Joe, when day is through.

Oh, how happy we, through the summer evening-walking,
As the happy ones of ancient Arcady!

Oh, how happy we!—rustic married lovers talking,
Tho' the noisy world ne'er heard of Joe and me.

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Miscellaneous.

She that marries a man because he is a "good match," must not be surprised if he turns out a "Lucifer."

Lovers have more occasion than any other class of persons to talk pathetically about the "lost arts."

A gentleman who spoke of having been struck by a lady's beauty, was advised to kiss the rod."

Whenever love lifts the soul to heaven, we may be sure that the object of it is not altogether of earth.

Why do you always hate me down in my pride, "Because you are a vulgar fraction of humanity, and a vulgar fraction should be reduced to the lowest terms."

"Nigger Wit."—"Julius, why didn't you oblige your stay at de sea side?"—"Kase, Mr. Snow, dey charge too much."—"How so, Julius?"—"Why, de landlord charged dis colored individual with stealing de spoons."

"Pa, is the champagne-ship that Tom Sayers' and the Benicia Boy have been fighting for bigger than the Great Eastern."

A man was charged with stealing a piece of cloth, when the lawyer put in as a plea that the individual charged with stealing could not see it, for it was an invisible green.

The moment a man takes it into his foolish head that he has what the world calls genius, he gives himself a discharge from the servile drudgery of all friendly offices, and becomes good for nothing except in the pursuit of his favorite employment.

"Husband, I hope you have no objection to my being weighed?"—"Certainly not, my dear; but why do you ask the question."

"Only to ascertain if you will let me have any weight ouce."

A young lady, playing at cards, put down the ace of hearts, observing, "That's my heart." Upon which the gentleman with whom she was playing, trumped it, rejoicing, "You see it is now mine; for I own no other."

We know a man who married a very rich lady, who has ever since been the curse of his life. She is a scold, and quarrels with him continually. He intends getting a divorce at all hazards, having made up mind that to live in harmony is preferable to living on her money.

"My son," said an affectionate mother to her son (who resided at a distance, and expected in a short time to get married), you are getting very thin."

"Yes, mother he replied, "I am; when I come next I think you may see my rib."

THE NATURE OF WOMEN.—As my father used to say, as to women, you must study their nature. When he lived at Sheffield, and his establishment was small, he never rang the bell for the maid, but when he wanted her, always went into the street to call her; he said women were sure to be found looking out of the window. In like manner he always hired the prettiest girls he could find, and waited for the men to run after them, but the ugly ones always waited their time running after the men; one stayed at home, the other didn't.

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