

Poetry.

SMALL THINGS.

A traveller on the dusty road
Strewed acorns on the sea.
And one took root, and sprouted up,
And grew into a tree.

Literature.

LOCKED OUT AND LOCKED UP.

A NEW YORK ADVENTURE.

I had been to the opera and had escorted Mary Anna Josephine home.
It was a delicious little squeeze that she gave my hand when saying,
'Good night, Tom; call soon. I've had such a delightful evening.'

Well, I reached Broadway, and suddenly discovered that I owned an extensive appetite—quite large and ravenous.
Strange that a man must satisfy the inebriated vulture within him.
At that time I would cheerfully have donated my hunger to an Alderman, and said nothing about it; preferring to subsist on the thought of Mary Anna J. only.

It was striking twelve as I descended the stairway and sent myself in a richly caparisoned alcove.
Bless me, but those oysters were good. So was the ale. So I decided was Mary Anna J.'s taste.

'What delightful dinners that girl will improvise,' I ejaculated sotto voce, and aside to a fine patriarchal-looking bivalve.
'Tom Feeler, you're in luck, my boy—really you are. You may well feel proud of yourself and of her, too—here's to her very good health.'

Let me see. I was just turned of twenty then, and was with Noyes & Stalight, or, as the clerk usually spoke it, No-yes & Stay-er-so-late, till next morning.

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It was in vain that I accused the other man, that I appealed to Mrs. Westlake, that I offered to explain the whole thing.

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Somehow or other I felt comfortable in the saloon, and didn't desire to go home in a hurry.

'Locked out,' I exclaimed, 'and that, too, after my requesting Mrs. Westlake to leave the door unfastened, and the light burning. Delightful, truly?'
I at first thought of ringing the bell, but as it was then two o'clock, and I was not over anxious to let it be known at what hour I returned, I snubbed the suggestion and was provoked with myself for having made it.

Here was what I had been taught to look upon as 'a go.'—Accordingly I took this view of the matter. Second thoughts soon arrived, however, and determined that it was 'no go.' To have gone would have been useless.
There was the station-house, there was my friend Thompson's in South Brooklyn, there was my uncle's in Yorkville, but what of it? An objection belonged to each. I sat down on the steps and mused violently. To ring or not to ring, that was my question. Carelessly my eyes wandered across the way, and remarkable to relate, there stood a house closely resembling my habitation with a dim light burning in the front hall.

'Oh, ho,' thought I, 'I've made a mistake. Got hold of the wrong establishment. So much for being in love, Tom Feeler.—There would have been a pretty mess if you had found this door unlocked and I walked up stairs, eh?'
Impressed with a sense of gratitude at having so narrowly escaped entering the wrong box, I at once rushed over the street, up the steps, and into the house where the light burned. My key fitted the lock perfectly. Without so much as a glance at articles around the hallway, I put out the gas and noiselessly crept up stairs to the third floor. Of course it was hard to account for the mistake I had made, except by the supposition that Mary Anna J. was uppermost in my mind, and that I had, without knowing it, gone to the further side of the street when turning into it from Broadway.

As soon as I could command my voice, I of course demanded to know who he was, being convinced the while that he belonged to the burglarious persuasion, and entertained ideas of theft.
The thought gained credence in my mind, and springing to the window I bawled lustily, 'Help, help! Police! Stop thief! Murder! Watch!' and as many more terrible announcements as my invention and lungs would allow. He came forward, colored me, cuffed me, and tried to stifle my cries. I kicked, pulled, screamed, fought, stamped,

to say Tom Feeler was happy, and would have remained so till sunrise had not a most outrageous din and clatter occurred, transforming the Eden into a Bedlam and banishing Morpheus.

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In order to make the foregoing directions a little more clear, I will now set forth the modus operandi of taming the most irritable colony of bees, in the Langstroth hive, which will answer, somewhat modified, for all colonies in all kinds of hives.

Set the punk on fire, and blow a little smoke into the entrance of the hive. This will cause the bees at and near the entrance to retreat and go among the combs. Now, take off the top cover, and blow enough smoke into the holes or slats of the surplus honey receptacle cover, to cause all the bees to go below the tops of the frames, when this cover may also be removed. Blow sufficient smoke upon the bees to keep them below among the combs. Unless the colony be very populous, the bees will now nearly all be found hastily filling their sumps with honey and, will generally be ready to operate upon in from five to fifteen minutes. Should the operator desire to commence taking out the combs as soon as possible, he may sprinkle the bees with the sweetened water. Those not filling their sumps from the cells of honey, will commence at once to gorge themselves with this preparation. I seldom have occasion, except at the Fairs, to use the 'liquid sweets.' I would advise beginners to use a bee-hat until they have had some experience—which may then, at times, be discarded.

Reader, just operate upon a colony in the way described, you will probably be surprised to find that you can more easily and readily subject the most irritable colony of bees to your control, than can Karey, an ordinary animal of the equine race.

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DOMESTIC ECONOMY AND COOKERY.

To KEEP PRESERVES.—The paper which is usually pasted over jars of preserves, is porous, and admits air. To render it perfectly impervious, and as tight as a drum, apply the white of an egg with a brush to the paper before covering the jars, overlapping the edges an inch or two.

TOMATO PRESERVES.—Pare and slice green or ripe tomatoes, to one pound of the fruit add one pound of clean sugar, boil until the fruit is thoroughly cooked, skim it out and boil until the syrup is thick enough to keep; then pour the tomatoes back into the preserving kettle, boil five minutes, take care of them as other preserves.

STRAWED INDIAN BREAD.—One quart of sour milk, half a cup of molasses, one cup of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, nearly as much salt, make it about as thick as Johnny cake with fine Indian meal, pour into a two quart basin, let it rise one hour, bake it in an oven one hour and steam two hours in a covered steamer, over a brisk fire.

To PRESERVE EGGS.—Provide a small cupboard, safe, or tier of shelves; bore these shelves full of holes one and a quarter inches in diameter, and place the eggs in them, point downwards. They will keep sound for several months. Other modes, such as packing in salt, &c., depend for their success simply on placing the points down; the shelves are more convenient and accessible.

BOILING POTATOES.—Clean wash the potatoes and leave the skin on; then bring the water to a boil and throw them in. As soon as boiled soft enough for a fork to be easily thrust through them, dash some cold-water in the pot, let the potatoes remain two minutes, and then pour off the water. This done, half remove the pot-lid, and let the potatoes remain over a slow fire till the steam is evaporated; then peel and set them on the table in an open dish.—Potatoes of a good kind thus cooked, will always be sweet, dry and mealy. A covered dish is bad for potatoes, as it keeps the steam in, and makes them soft and watery.

FRIED OR BOILED EGG-PLANT.—Parboil it; cut into slices and season very highly with pepper and salt; fry or boil it (as you do mushrooms) in a pan with butter. If nicely done it is very similar in flavour to the mushroom.

KINGS AND SCAVENGERS.—It sounds strange to hear that the most healthy class of men are the scavengers, but such is the fact; and it is assumed that the power of ashes to absorb noxious emanations of all kinds is at the bottom of the striking immunity which the scavenger exhibits from all febrile complaints. Of the upper classes the clergyman lives longest—the physician next—the lawyer next. The gentry may be reckoned as long-lived as the clergy; but the higher aristocracy are below the learned professions; and the members of Royal Houses, again, average three years less existence than even the aristocracy. Hooge, under his hedge, has a chance of thirteen years longer life than a Bourbon or a Guelph, on the authority of those learned in vital statistics; so that we have contrasts to ponder on in modern life which our ancestors never dreamt of.—Curiosities of Civilization.

The first public intimation of the invention of a steam printing press, was made in the London Times, November 28, 1814 that number being printed upon one,

THE MIRACULOUS CABINET.

Under the above taking title, M. Nadolsky, an ingenious Pole, is producing to the London public an unpretending sort of box, five feet high, three wide, and eighteen inches in depth, out of which in the course of the evening he contrives to cram the platform of the Dudley Gallery, Egyptian Hall, where the exhibition takes place, with very handsome full-sized drawing-room, boudoir, and a little bed-room furniture. This truly 'Miraculous Cabinet,' and its contents, are a perfect miracle of ingenuity and patient industry. M. Nadolsky, a political exile, one of a class which is unappreciated too numerous on the Continent, cast about him for some object which should absorb his attention, and, if possible, make him forget the sorrows of expatriation. He had seen a casket which was exhibited to him that the idea might be expanded and improved so as to produce a real, tangible, worthy object for the public curiosity. He determined that he should have a cabinet containing one hundred and fifty articles, and in three years he, with the help of one assistant, completed his work. Having exhibited it with great approbation before the Emperor of Russia and other continental sovereigns, he has now brought it before a London audience, the final test of merit, and there is every just ground for thinking that his exhibition will prove generally attractive. It took him an hour and a half on Wednesday evening to unpack and arrange all his wonders, but so ingenious was the construction of every thing, and so readily was each article made to assume its intended shape that the select audience of the private view exhibited no signs of weariness, but eagerly watched and loudly applauded the progress of the work. The miraculous cabinet seemed to be in fact absolutely inexhaustible. Chairs, tables, bedsteads, rich inland cabinets, massive candelabra, reading and rocking chairs, mirrors, candlesticks, flower-pots, plates, dishes, knives and forks, drinking cups, camp stools, with hundreds of other things too numerous to mention, were taken out and set up in endless succession and with magic celerity, until the whole of the large platform was fully furnished, and 'persons about to marry' might find everything they could possibly require in an average ten-roomed house. And what was more remarkable still, they were all sound useful articles, the chairs fairly up to 16 stone equally pressure, the bedsteads of full average dimensions, and the plates, dishes, knives and forks, only requiring the dinner or supper, to place their practical utility entirely beyond the reach of cavil.

M. Nadolsky commenced by arranging in the centre of the platform a Russian Court of justice. There was the judge's table headed by the judge's chair, the vase in which the verdict is placed, and the chairs for the lawyers and witnesses. A step lower down he spread out his dinner table, capable of accommodating 24 persons, and from a small box no bigger than a family Bible, he brought out the whole service, plates, tureens, knives, forks, spoons, tumblers, every thing. This was, perhaps, the most wonderful part of the whole exhibition. M. Nadolsky told the audience that he thought so, and the audience showed that they agreed with him, by cheering it with extraordinary enthusiasm. But the Russian court and the dinner table, although they might be called the pieces de resistance, formed by no means the entire display. All the time that M. Nadolsky was arranging them, his assistant was equally busy setting up boudoir tables, toilettes, tambour frames, Chinese cabinets, and ebony monument chests in every available corner. Flower-pots were produced in scores, and urns filled with flowers were used to decorate all these pretty nicknacks, and in order that nothing requisite in elegant domestic economy might be omitted, a perfect miracle of a cradle was established, to the immense wonder and amusement of the ladies. Finally, and when people were completely tired out, asking, with Mr. Cobden, 'What next?' a set of decorative background was set up, draped with crimson velvet, and exhibiting in its centre a life-size portrait of the Queen. This brought the exhibition to a most triumphant termina-

CHINESE SCIENCE.—The following is a translation of a notice that was put up on the walls at Canton on the 29th of July, 1860, concerning an eclipse of the moon. It is evident that the school-master is not abroad in the Celestial Empire: 'To the Red Button Mandarin Quong-Soo, Governor of Quang-Tung and Quang-Sai Provinces and Board of Soldiers, dated the 10th of He-wang, the 16th day of the 6th month. Retreat and pray to save and protect the moon from being devoured on the 15th day of the 6th moon. The eclipse will commence on the 15th day of the 6th moon at 11 40.' Then follows particulars of the time of contact, etc. After which—'All the Mandarins, both civil and military, together with all the people, must do the utmost in their power to save and protect her from such a calamity; and mind, do not be disobedient.'