

Poetry.

The Press.

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The Press 'tis the light Of the land and the night— 'Tis the power that flies under every success; A voice would you know To which thunder is low! 'Tis the voice of the Press, the voice of the Press.

'Tis the sinews of state, Making wealthy and great, 'Tis the absolute monarch great nations possess, More stern than the wind, With the tempest combined, 'Tis the power of the Press—the power of the Press!

When throne and crown tremble, As nations assemble, Their wrongs and their woes to redress, What would tyrants do but leave— What then would they crave! The arm of the Press—the huge arm of the Press.

When a world sunk in night Would arise to the light, What beacon should then it possess? A light sent abroad, With the sanction of God, 'Tis the light of the Press—the light of the Press!

The Human Heart.

There is in every human heart Some not completely barren spot, Some seeds of truth and love might grow, And flowers of generous virtue blow; To plant, to watch, to water there— This, as our duty, be our care.

Wit and Humor.

CUTTING ON BOTH SIDES.—Lord B who sported a ferocious pair of whiskers, meeting Mr. O'Connell in Dublin, the latter said 'when do you mean to place your whiskers on the peace establishment'—when you place your tongue on the civil list was the rejoinder.

A farmer going to get his grist ground at a mill, borrowed a bag of one of his neighbours. The poor man was knocked under the water wheel and the bag with him, and of course he was drowned. When the melancholy news was brought to his wife, she exclaimed—'My gracious, what a fuss there'll be about that bag!'

The reward of \$100,000 for the arrest of Jeff. Davis has been paid. The rewards for the arrest of Booth, offered by the General Government, the State of California, and the cities of Baltimore and Washington, amounting in all to about \$230,000 will be distributed in a few days.

The English friends of Gen. Garibaldi positively deny the truth of the statement that the General has been obliged on account of his want of means, to sell two horses. They say he is sufficiently provided for against such a necessity, and that if the horses were sold, it was only because they had become unnecessary on the farm at Caprera.

FRONT PLACE.—Johnson says he never was in a tight place but once, and that was when he had a mad bull by the tail. Had he held on, the bull would have dragged him to death through a stubble field, while if he had not held on, the critter would have turned around and gored him to death. The question now is, which did Johnson do—hold on or let go? Answer may be sent by return mail.

One of the latest fashions with the ladies is wearing long ends of narrow ribbon around the neck. Few of the uninitiated know the insignificance of the same. When they wear the ends hanging in front, it means that 'the lady is married'; down the back, that 'she has a feller coming to see her, but isn't engaged'; over the left shoulder it means, 'fellers, come follow me.' If she does not wear any, it means that she is 'engaged and don't wish to have anything to do with any other feller.'

TAKING UP DIFFERENT HUSBANDS.—A little man, asking how it happened that many beautiful ladies took up with but indifferent husbands after many fine offers, was thus aptly answered by a mountain maiden: 'A young friend of hers, during a walk, requested her to go into a delightful crockery and there get him the handsomest red; she must get it in one going through without turning. She went and in coming out brought him quiet a mean red. When he asked if this was the handsomest one she saw, "Oh, no," replied she. "I saw many finer as I went along, but I kept on in hopes of a much better, until I had gotten through, and then was obliged to select the best that was left."

LABOUR AND RECREATION.—Recreation is intended to be to the mind as whetting is to the scythe, to sharpen the edge of it, which otherwise would grow dull and blunt. He, therefore, that spends his whole life in recreation, is ever whetting, never mowing; his grass may grow and his steed starve; as contrarily he that always toils and never recreates, is ever mowing, never whetting; labouring much to little purpose. As good no scythe as no edge. Then only doth the work grow forward when the scythe is so seasonably and moderately whetted that it may cut, and so cut that it may have the help of sharpening.—Bishop Hall.

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