# ESPECIALLY FOR LADIES.

## Romeo and Juliet in the East-Millionaire Widows of Philadelphia.

# Small-Talk for the Ladies-Chit-Chat.

## An Eastern Love Tale.

The story of Joseph and Zuleykha, says The Gentleman's Magazine, is the ideal love tale of the east. The loves of Khusru and Shirin, and of Leyla and Mejnun, are indeed famous in Persian romance, and the poets of the sweetest of eastern tongues never weary of recounting the sorrows and joys of these heoric lovers. But even their moving histories cannot compete with the love of Zuleykha in the affection of the multitude. She and Joseph are the ideals of woman's love and manly heauty to the Persian; they, are, with a difference, the Juliet and Romeo of the east. More than this, with the mystical poets of the Sufis, who were ever seeking for analogies be tween the passions of this life and the holier emotions of the soul, Zuleykha is the type of the yearning of the human heart for the ineffable beauty of the Creator; and the woes and vicissitudes of the Egyptian princess are emblematic of the weary struggles of the soul in its search for that anion with the Universal Spirit which is the end and aim of the Persian mysticism. The ardor of supplicating Zuleykha and the cold purity of Joseph represent the eagerness of the soul and the inexorable demands of God, who will have naught but a perfect service. This double character has given the romance an unrivalled hold upon Per-sian poets. Whether as the history of hupassion, or as the symbol of the yearnman ing of the soul for the infinite beauty, the story of Joseph and Zuleykha was equally attractive to the half-sensual, half-mystical spirit of the Persian poet, and there is no theme that has received so many tributes from singers of the most diverse orders. To the present day a "second Joseph" is the highest title by which beautiful youth can be praised, and the love of Zeleykha is the castern ideal of women's presidents days. eastern ideal of woman's passionate devo-tion. The romance has the additional merit of religious authority, for it is recounted at great length in the Koran, and Mohammed does not fear to call it a "most excellent story." As told in the Koran, however, Zuleykha is merely what we know by the name of Potiphar's wife; in Persian poetry she is idealized into something very differ-ent. The character of this eastern heroine as drawn by Jami, in the beautiful poem which Mr. Griffith has recently translated into charming English verse, is purified from the coarser elements, which the Biblical nar-rative contains. By subtle indications of motive and arrangements of the circum-stances the parity of Zuleykha is upheld in the face of apparently conflicting facts, and the final impression of the whole character which is left upon the mind is entirely noble and womanly. It is strange that so beautiful a poem has never before been translated as a whole, into English.

Efficientire Widews.

Pilladelphia, according to The Record of that eity has a good list of lady millionair es. Mrs. Thomas A. Scott leads off with at least \$10,600,000. Mrs. Bloomtield H. Moore is near the top of the ladder. Her husband's personal estate was valued at \$5,500,000, and this, besides his other investments. leaves the lady in possession of an immense income. Mrs. Anna W. Baild and Mrs. Matthew Baldwn, both of whose husbands were in the celebrated Baldwin Decomotive works, are worth. \$2,000,000 each. Mrs. Adolph E. Boire is a millionaire in her own right. When the late George Fales died his personal estate was worth over \$2,000,-000, and his wife and daughter divided this as well as his other possessions. Two daughters of Henry Rawle were left \$1,000, 000 each by their mother, which is a good start for young ladies and is likely to draw start for young ladies and is incry to draw attention to them. One of the lady attend-ants at the Church of the Epiphany drives to the house of worship in a modest car-riage. Her income is \$260,000 a year. If men make the money and women do spend it, a list of the various charictics about the city shows that the ladies know where to put it so that it will do some good to others.

## A Trick Played A Bridal Pair.

or even to look Lady Teazle. Society of a certain kind swarms just now with stagestruck girls and frisky matrons, determined to obtain fame with a rush, and obstinately inclined to believe that they can do in an hour what it costs others years of labor to accomplish. They are surrounded by swarms of injudicious friends, who take theatres for them, pack the house, and importune the critics as a favor to waste their mornings over the teeble maunderings of these flattered maidens or excitcable grass widows. But there is some conscience even in critics. Irritated by loss of time and bored to death with pretentious women, they occasionally tell the truth in the interest of their employers and the public, whereupon there is a dismal howl in fashionable drawing-rooms, and the wretched critic is immediately ostracized. Acting ladies, in my opinion, should be severely left alone. There is no pleasing them or their friends.

# A Neat Rejcinder.

A Washington letter says that Miss Bayard is not only very pretty but exrtemely bright. She was the young lady who astonished Oscar Wilde by her own reparter to his patronizing remark: "Are you going to the German, Mr. Wilde?" sho asked, the night of his lecture there. "Yes," drawled the æsthetic, "If my lecture doesn't fatigue me too much. Are you going, Miss Bayard? "Yes, if your lecture doesn't fatigue me too much.

## A Tell-Tale Mark.

A severe lesson was taught at a New York party to society men who carry the crush hat in round dances in place of gloves or a handkerchief. A young man who had his monogram embroidered in the lining of his hat in large blue letters danced with a how who had he man a light colored young lady who wore a light-colored satin dress. After the dance astonishing results appeared. A circle of black had appeared on the creamy satin, surrounding a large monogram of the letters "A. P. C." and the young lady was compelled to be thus branded the remainder of the evening.

## CHIT-CHAT.

If congress adjourns without reducing the duty on false hair the women of this country

will never forget it. The goddess of liberty is about the only

American woman who isn't looking forward to a new spring bonnet.

It is said that rats immediately disappear from the house as soon as a young lady begins taking lessons on the piano.

The question is asked us if there is any-thing that will bring youth to women? Yes there is. An income of say \$2,000 will bring any number of them.

"No kiss," he said, pleadingly, "no kiss from my darling to-night?" "No?" she said emphatically; "no kiss—I hear there's mumps in your family."

A girl just returned to Hannibal, Mo., from a Boston high school, said upon seeing a fire engine at work: "Who would evalu have dweamed such a vewy diminutive-look ing apawatus would hold so much wattah?

When a fellow gets a letter for his wife out of the postoflice and he forgets to give it to her for a week or so, the safest way of letting her have it is to tie it on the end of a long fishing-pole and poke it through a window to her.

Angela's father wrote to Adolphus that his presence at the house was not especially desired; but Adelphus would not take the hint, and was helped out by the paternal Moral-No letter is complete without boot. a foot-note.

"No, sir," she said, with emphasis on the sir, "my husband won't be a candidate for the legislature next year. He has learned more deviltry during the few weeks he has been in Boston than ever before in all his born days."

A sober Philadelphia omnibus came near A soler "mindelphia omnibus came near upsetting, and the possible victims, with one exception, threw up hands of protesting leverage. The exception sat motionless. "How could you he so calm?" "My dear, my gloves are a misfit."

"Why don't you cat like you do to home?" said the rural bridegroom to his bride at the table d'hote, as she nibbled this and tasted that in her embarrassment; "them folks over there don't pay no more'n we do, and you are a goose to be afraid."

A Cincinnati woman had her husband arsted for abusing her, but the man was discharged upon proving that she used to back him up in the corner several times a week and beat him with a broom-handle. When the broom-handle broke and hit her in the eye she considered herself frightfully abused.

lighting on her patent india-rubber bustle, was bounced back into the window uninjured

A St. Louis woman never sleeps, is awake twenty-two hours a day, and dozes a little for two hours. She is strong, healthy, and has a good appetite. A widower who belongs to a lodge wishes to marry her, as he thinks she wouldn't complain of being kept awake waiting for his coming home. A man who has been married once ought to know letter than that.

#### Curiosities of the Railway Census,

According to the railway census return for 1880, there were 1,165 companies, hav-ing, in round numbers, 85,000 miles of rail-ways in operation in this country—an aggregate almost equal to a track extending four times round the world.

The cost of this gigantic system was near-ly five thousand six hundred and sixty millions of dollars, of which about two-fifths has been paid for and the companies are in debt for the balance. In the good time coming, when the enormous debt of over three thousand millious of dollars is paid off, and the interest thereon ccases, it is probable that railway speeds will be improved, travelling rendered safer, and the charges for freight and passage reduced.

The mortality upon our railways is fright-ful to contemplate. According to the census returns, the killed and maimed for the single year of 1880 formed an aggregate of 8,215 persons. If the companies were com-pelled by law to pay an average of say five thousand dollars for every person killed or injured, only a short time would clapse, probably, before this dreadful account would be reduced almost to nothing. There are very few railway accidents that might not be prevented if real care were exercised and the best safe-guards adopted. The passage of a law subjecting every company to the payment of a substantial fine for every accident that takes place upon its property would doubt-less stimulate the managers to give more at-tention to the safety of life and limb than they do at present.

The demand upon our inventors for the discovery of a new and better means of saving life and preventing accidents upon railways increases every year, in a ratio even greater than the augmentation of tracks, because the population ismore rapidly increasing, and the present railways are not em-ployed at anything like their full capa-

The freight carried in 1880 was two hundrad and ninety one millions of tons, for which the railways charged \$1.29 per ton per mile, and made a profit of 53 cents per ton per mile.

The number of passengers carried was two The number of passengers carried was two hundred and seventy millions, for which they each paid an average of 2.33 cents per mile, and the companies made a profit of 0.62 cents per mile. If the passengers are counted by weight, allowing 14 passengers to the ton, then the receipts of the compan-ies for their trailer to identify and 522 62 ies for their two-legged ireight was \$32.62 per ton per mile and their profit was \$8.68 per ton per mile. This large profit when set opposite to the small amount of 53 cents profit per ton realized from dead freight, seems to indicate that a great field is open to the genius of railway managers in devising ways and means to encourage the people to travel.

The haulage of our railways now employs over seventeen thousand locomotives, and the aggregate cost to run them, such as fuel, the aggregate cost to run them, such as rule, water, oil, repairs, and engineers, is about ninety millions of dollars, or not far from five thousand dollars a year for each ma-chine. The item of fuel alone is thirty-three millions of dollars. The larger portion of the fuel is marked, much of ite burns out the fuel is wasted ; much of it is blown out of the smoke-stack unconsumed in the form of smoke and dust. There is a grand chance for inventors to improve the locomotive by discovering means to lessen its wastes and expenses. The same remarks apply to the other branches of the railway rolling stock, consisting of twelve thousand passenger cars and about four hundred thousand freight cars. In the year 1880 it cost the railway companies fifty-five millions of dollars ton repairs for rolling stock. Is it not possible for inventive genius to study out some new mode of construction that shall reduce this enormous loss. - Scientific American.

Morsels for Sanday Contemplation.

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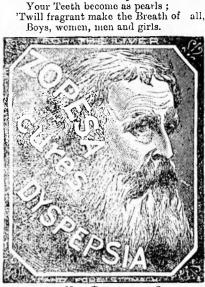
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#### Acting Ladics.

"Chicken and Champagne," indeed ! exclaims the London Truth. I have received a note from a dramatic critic, who discloses a truly miserable state of affairs. He says that scarcely a week passes but an attempt is made to "get at him" in favor of some irrepressible and incompetent amateur who considers himself a born genius, and who

The loving mother loves to see her little boy make great progress in writing, and is pleased to see him give her samples of his writing at home—except when he does so with his finger on a window pane. Then all that pride and love was turned into-Mr. Webster hasn't got any word in his diction-ary that will fit here.

Miss Pheebe Cozzens is lecturing on "The Correction of Certain Mistaken Notions Regarding Eve." It appears that the story that Eve began to cry and threatened to go go home to her mother because Adam re-fused to buy her a \$3,000 sealskin sacque in the carly days of their honeymoon, is a weak invention of the enemy.

"I notice," said one Austin lady to an-other, "that at our social gatherings you are always the last one to leave." "I know it," was the reply, "but I have an object in view." "What is it?" "I want to prevent the rest of you from slandering me.' "Oh, you mean thing! you never like to see your friends enjoy themselves."

A young physician informed a pretty lady patient, who was suffering from chronic sore throat, that the only sure cure for it was a . d. "That's of no interest to me," she replied. "I've get no beard." "True," he replied gallantly, "but you can use mine as often as you want to." They were They were married a few months later.

A bark that arrived in New York a few days ago reported that three of the sailors washed overboard one day by a heavy sea, ar not hesitated to engage a London are to show bow uterly incompetent to understand Juliet, to read Ptuline, who fell out of a fourth-story window, and

He becomsth poor that dealeth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Scandal is what one-half the world takes pleasure in inventing, and the other half equal pleasure in believing.

It is not enough to have reason; it is spoilt, it is dishonored, by sustaining a brusque and haughty manner.

The man who is in the wrong uses hard words and soft arguments, while the man who is in the right uses soft words and hard arguments.

He lives longest of all who looks back oftenest, whose life is most populous of thought or action, and on every retrospect makes the vastest picture.

We are natural believers. Truth or the connection between cause and effect, alone interests us. We are persuaded that a thread runs through all things; all worlds are strung on it, as beads; and men, and events, and life come to us, only because of thet thread the menerated are shown that thread; they pass and repass, only that we may know the direction and continuity of that line.

Romance is none the less true because it is so common. We should not scorn romance because all people may have it, any more than we should scorn color because everybody clse can see. If the dukes and princesses may have romance, and the kitchen maid and the garbage man have a flirtation at the back gate, it only shows that romance is as necessary a part of human life as food and sleep.

The president of Tufts College was recently made a happy father, and the following morning at prayer in the chapel he introtroduced this rather ambiguous sentence : And we thank Thee, O Lord, for the succor Thou hast given us," which caused a general smile to creep over the faces of the class.



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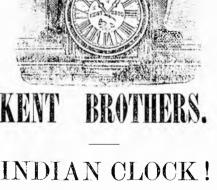
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