

The Scrap Book.

Here Wit in bright effulgence glows, With Wisdom joined, through rhyme and prose, And both unite their charms in one, To form the sage and humorous pun.

Malebranche said that the human brain could be improved and strengthened by the exercise of thought.

"Patrick, when will water stop running down hill?" "When it gets to the bottom, sure, you spalpeen."

Why is a sot so generally called a drunken dog? Is it by reason of the habit most dogs have, of getting under the table?

When Bachelor Brown, at fifty-five, married his plain cook, is it the opinion of the unbiased reader that he made a virtue of necessity?

A Chandler having had some candles stolen, a friend bid him be of good cheer "for in a short time," said he "I am confident they will come to light."

Love one human being and you love all. The heart in this heaven, like the wandering sun, sees nothing, from the dew-drop to the ocean, but a mirror which it warms and fills.

A small piece of paper or linen, moistened with spirits of turpentine, and put into a bureau or wardrobe for a single day, two or three times a year, is a sufficient preservative against moths.

"Whose pigs are these my lad?" "Whoy, they belong to thee big sow." "No! I mean who is their master?" "Whoy," again answered the lad, "that little 'un there: he's a rare 'un to feight."

People who endeavor to attract that attention by dress which they cannot obtain by their intrinsic worth, resemble the soap-bubbles blown by children; thinnest bubbles are invested with the brightest colors.

A philosopher who is fond of "driving to the bottom of things," thinks that when a young lady is offended with a kiss, the only remedy is to give her another, according to theory, similar similar—but curator! Very likely.

Man doubles all the evils of his fate by pondering over them; a scratch becomes a wound, a slight injury, a just an insult, a small peril a great danger, and a light sickness often ends in death by brooding apprehensions.

It is just as well that fortune is blind, for if she could only see some of the ugly, stupid, worthless persons on whom she showers her most precious gifts, the sight would so annoy her that she would immediately scratch her eyes out.

A person having the misfortune to admit into his house as a lodger an individual of bad reputation, named Bell, turned him out the other day with the remark, "that he would never keep a bell in his house that wanted laughing."

A Yale College student lately perpetrated an amusing classical pun. Seeing a box of tea at the door of a dealer, he printed on it, in bold letters, the latin words tu doces to the no small amusement of the collegians who frequented the place. The latin words tu doces [thou teachest] being of course rendered 'Thou Tea Chest!'

A fashionable lady at a watering place had a favorite lap-dog, which she called Perchance. "A singular name for a beautiful pet, madam," observed a passer by, "Where did you find it?" "Oh," drawled she, most exquisitely, "It was named after Byron's dog. You remember where he speaks of it, and says: 'Perchance, my dog will howl!'"

To everything beneath the sun there comes a last day—and of all futurity this is only portion of time that can in all cases be infallibly predicted. Let thine sanguine then take warning, and the disheartened take courage; for to every joy and to every sorrow, to every hope and every fear, there will come a last day; and the man ought so to live by foresight, that while he learns in every state to be content, he shall in each be prepared for another, whatever the other may be.

'Twas night! the dust and roar of the great city had given place to log and gloom—the rattling of the carts and stages over the stony pavement, was heard no more—Ebon Night, on his throne of darkness, reigned supreme; and from a narrow alley reeking with filth, there wandered forth a ragged girl; she gazed cautiously up and down the deserted street, and then in a wild, plaintive voice, cried, her voice sounding on the night air like that of some lost spirit, "Marn Smith, bring back that ar' tin pa-an, will yer?"

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.

A little girl, in a family of my acquaintance, a lovely and precious child, lost her mother at an age too early to fix the loved features in her remembrance. She was as frail as beautiful, and as the bud of her heart unfolded, it seemed as if it was by that mother's prayers to turn instinctively heavenward. The sweet, conscious, prayer-loving child, was the idol of the bereaved family. She would lie upon the friend who took a mother's care of her, and winding a wasted arm around her neck would say:—"Now tell me about Mamma." And when the oft told tale had been repeated, would softly ask: "Take me into the parlor—I want to see Mamma." The request was never refused; and the affectionate child would lie for hours, contentedly gazing on her mother's portrait. But

"Pale and wan she grew, and weakly—Bearing all her pain so meekly, That to them she still grew dearer, As the trial hour grew nearer."

The hour came at last, and the weeping neighbors assembled to see the little one die. The dew of death was already on the flower, as its life was going down. The little chest heaved faintly—spasmodically.

"Do you know me, darling?" sobbed close in her ear the voice that was dearest; but it awoke no answer.

All at once a brightness as if from the upper world burst over the child's colorless countenance. The eyelids flashed open, the lips parted, the wan, cuddling hands flew up in the little one's last impulsive efforts, as she looked piercingly into the face above.

"Mother!" she cried with surprise and transport in her tone—and passed with that breath into her mother's bosom.

If I had never believed in the immortality of departed ones before, I could not doubt it now.

"Peace I leave with you," said the wisest Spirit that ever passed from earth to heaven. Let us be at peace amid the spirit mysteries and questionings on which our eyes shall soon shed the light of eternity.—Gospel Banner.

BEAUTIFUL FIGURE.

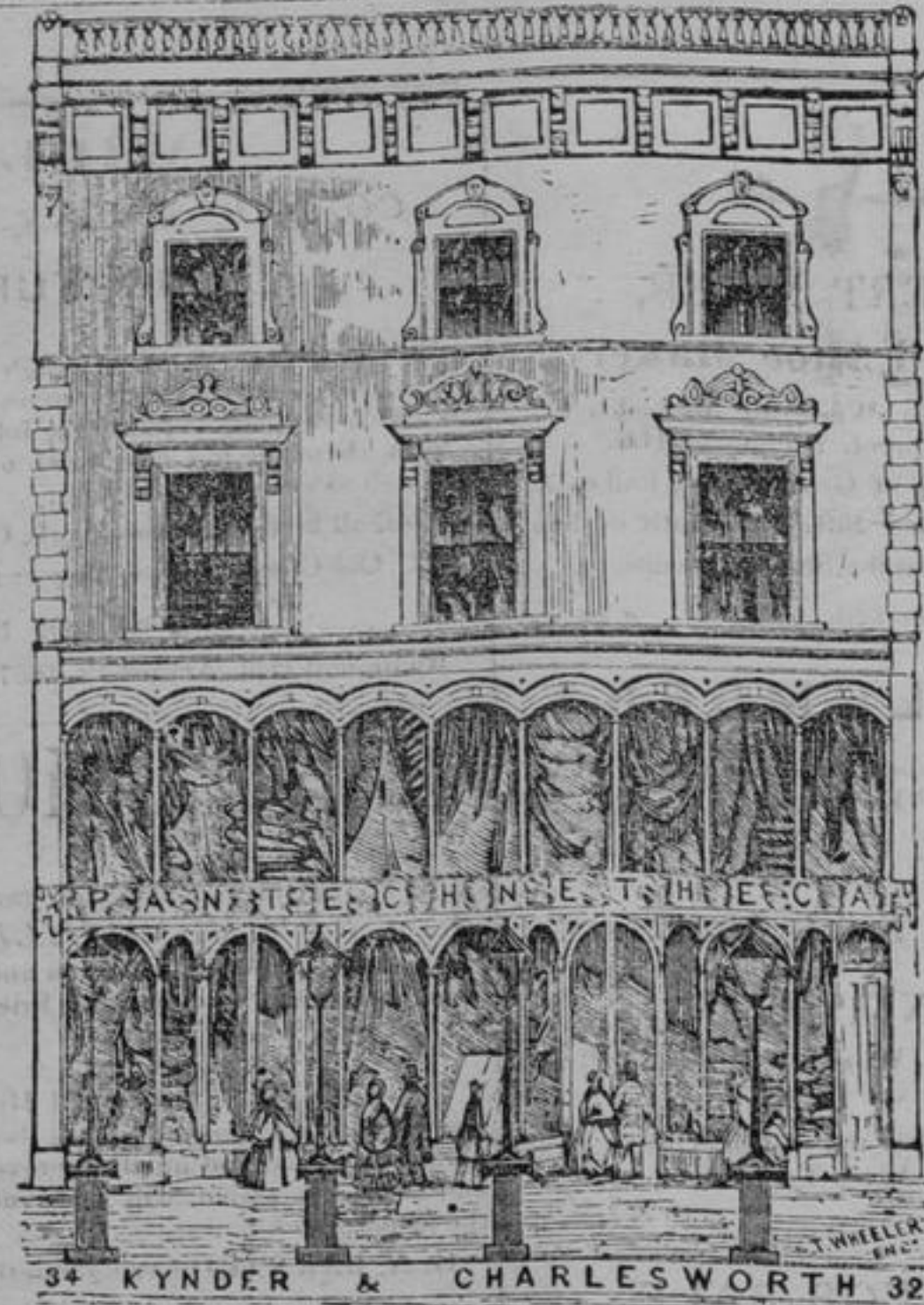
Two painters were employed to fresco the walls of a magnificent cathedral; both stood on a rudescaffold, constructed for the purpose, some forty feet from the floor. One of them was so intent upon his work that he became wholly absorbed in admiration, and stood off from the picture, gazing at it with intense delight. Forgetting where he was, he moved backwards slowly, surveying critically the work of his pencil, until he neared the very edge of the plank upon which he stood.

At this critical moment his companion turned suddenly, and almost frozen with horror, beheld his imminent peril; another instant and the enthusiast would be precipitated upon the pavement beneath, if he spoke to him it would be certain death—if he held his peace it would be equally sure. Suddenly he regained his presence of mind and seizing a wet brush, he flung it against the wall, splattering the beautiful picture with unsightly blotches of coloring. The painter flew forward, and turning upon his friend with fierce imprecations, but, started at his ghastly face, he listened to the recital of his danger, looked shudderingly over the dread space below, and with tears of gratitude he blessed the hand that saved him.

So, said a preacher, we sometimes get absorbed in looking upon the pictures of the world, and in contemplating them, step backwards, unconscious of our peril, when the Almighty dashes out the images, and we spring forward to lament their destruction, into the out stretched arms of mercy; and are saved.

CAN INSECTS TALK!—A striking instance of the possession of a capability of spreading intelligence, and that of a somewhat abstruse character, is furnished by experiments that have been made by Huber and others upon bees. Every one is aware that the queen bee is an object of the greatest solicitude and attention to the workers of the hive, and yet among so many thousands, all busily employed in different parts of the colony, it would appear impossible for them to ascertain, at least before the lapse of considerable time whether she was absent from them or not. In order to see whether bees had a power of conveying news of this kind the queen bee has been stealthily and quietly abstracted from the hive; but here, as elsewhere, illness was found to fly apace. For some half-hour or so, the loss seemed not to be ascertained, but the progressively increasing buzz of agitation gradually announced the growing alarm, until shortly the whole hive was in an uproar, and all its busy occupants were seen pouring forth their legions in search of their lost monarch, or eager to avenge with their stings, the insult offered to their sovereign. On restoring the captured queen to her subjects, with equal secrecy, the tumult speedily subsided, and the ordinary business of the community was resumed, as before the occurrence. That in such cases as those above narrated, information, and that of rather a complex character, was transmitted by one insect to another, cannot be doubted—but by what means?

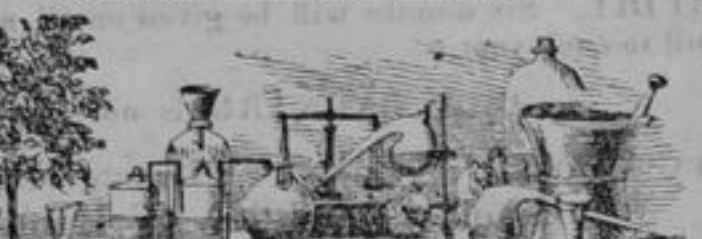
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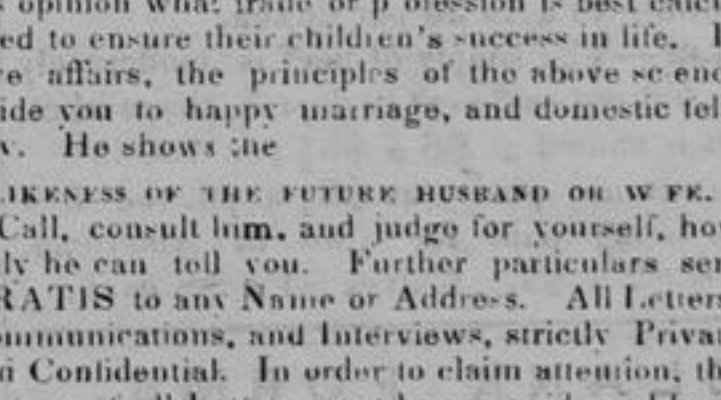


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