

The Scrap Book.

Here wit in bright effulgence glows, With wisdom joined, through rhye and prose, And both unite their charms in one, To form the same and hazy pun.

The virtue which is not supported with serious gains no reputation among men.

Why is a muffin like a chrysalis? Because it is a kind of grub that makes the butter fly.

"I know of no such thing as genius," said Hogarth to Mr. Gilbert Cooper; genius is nothing but diligence.

A good man never afflicts himself nor fears anything; he contemns injuries, credit, nor reproaches, and even refuses to hear bad reports.

Six of the most beautiful names in the English language, begin with an H, with just a little breath—heart, home, health, hearth, happiness, and heaven.

A true friend is kind without importunity; easy without remissness; rational without a suspicion of coldness; courteous without a touch of concession; steady, even and quiet, yet neither under-toned nor insipid.

The liberal mind resembles the magic tent of the Arabian story, that grew with the thong it sheltered; for such a spirit, neither truth nor beauty can come too late to be welcome.

An old bachelor remarked, there is one art which the use of those unmanageable crinoline is likely to teach the women of America; and that is, Peiticoat Government.

The United Service Gazette states as a fact, the soldiers' infant school at Canterbury Garrison, is now governed by a young girl not twelve years of age.

The American papers report, Sir John "Patton," the "successor of Mr. Bright, in the British House of Commons," to "weight" 450 lbs.

"Say, Pomp, you nigger, you, where you get that nose hat?" asked Coasor. "Why a de shop at now?" "What is de price of such an article as dat?" "I don't know nigger, I don't know, de shop-keeper wasn't dar."

"Oh, sure, this must be the dead letter office," said an Irishman, addressing one of the posts recently erected for the reception of letters, for never a living soul is there in to tell me the postage of a letter."

Sheridan used to pretend that he put Law down effectually. When Law said, "Pray Mr. Sheridan, to answer my question without point or epigram," I retorted, "You say true, Mr. Law; your questions are without point or epigram."

Boswell was one day complaining that he was sometimes dull. "Yes, yes," cried Lord Kames, "—'Homer sometimes nods.'" Boswell being too much elated with this, my lord added, "Indeed, sir, it is the only chance you have to resemble Homer."

Strange, Moore and Wright, three notorious punsters, were on a certain day dining together, when Moore observed, "There is but one knave among us and that's Strange." "Oh, no," said Wright, "there is one Moore." "Ay," said Strange, "that's Wright."

Clerical Wit—A clergyman's acknowledgment of a present of game from a noble lord, the patron of a vacant benefice.

Many thanks, my dear lord, for the birds of you. I wish with the dead you had sent me the bird of paradise being.

In England there is one feature of criminal jurisprudence which is not found in our country, but which is certainly worthy of introduction. There, money does not corrupt the court. Men of enormous wealth stand no more chance in an English court than the professional street robber, when a crime is proven against them.

A sailor dropped out of the rigging of a ship of war, some fifteen or twenty feet, and fell plump on the head of the first lieutenant.

"Wretch!" said the officers, after he had gathered himself up, "where the devil did you come from?" "An' sure I came from the north of Ireland; yer honor."

A very celebrated Scotch divine says: "The world we inhabit must have had an origin; that origin must have consisted in a cause; that cause must have been intelligent; that intelligence must have been efficient; that efficiency must have been ultimate; that ultimate power must have been Supreme; and that which always was, and is Supreme, we know by the name of God!"

A wagish fellow, somewhat troubled with an impediment in his speech, while one day sitting at a public table, had occasion to use a pepper box. After shaking it with all vehemence, and turning it in various ways, he found that the pepper would no ways incline to come out. "T-h-this p-p-pepper b-b-box i-is i-l-like m-m-m-y-self. "Why so," inquired a by-stander. "W-w-why it ha-ha-has a b-b-b-bad d-d-d-liv-er-y!"

After Mr. Bianconi had read his paper before the British Association on his extensive system of conveyances in Ireland, Mr. W. Pare asked Mr. Bianconi, whether, according to his experience, the working of a horse more than ten miles a day, for each day in the week, would be injurious to it. Mr. Bianconi said he found by experience that he could work a horse eight miles a day for six days in the week, much better than six miles a day for seven days in the week, so that by not working on Sunday he effected a saving of seven per cent.

HAPPINESS.—Why should you not be happy? Are you writhing under the influence of poverty? Never mind fifty years, and death, that constant laborer, will bring about a general leveling of the present generation. The rich and poor, great and small, high and low—the child of fame and the humblest laborer will be slumbering together in the silent earth.—Don't look back—look ahead—press onward—don't repine; be cheerful—you can't recall the future, you know nothing about it; therefore, do the best you can each moment, and leave the result to God.

FARMERS' DAUGHTERS.

The farmers' daughters are soon to be the life as well as the pride of the country; a glorious race of women which no other land can show. I wish not to flatter them; for before they can become this, they will have to make earnest efforts of one or two kinds. There are some who depreciate their condition, and who have a false pride in it, because they demand more consideration than they merit. A want of intelligence upon all subjects of the day, and a refined education, are no more excusable in a country than in a town-bred girl in this age off many books and many newspapers.

Many girls are discouraged because they cannot be sent away from home to boarding schools; but men of superior minds and knowledge of the world, would rather have wives, women well and properly educated at home. And this education can be had wherever the desire is not wanting. A taste for reading does wonders, and an earnest thirst after knowledge is almost certain to attain a sweet draught of the 'Pierian spring'. There is a farmer's daughter in this very room in which I am writing, a beautiful, refined and intellectual woman, in whose girlhood books were not so plentiful as now, and who gained her fine education under difficulties which would have discouraged any one but one who had as fond a love for study.

I will state why I think the country girls are yet to prove the hope of the country. The women in towns and cities are becoming so universally unhealthy and almost universally extravagant, foolish and fashionable, that men are almost in despair of obtaining wives who are not invalids, and of providing them with what they want after they have married them. Unless the young man has the fortune (good or bad) to be the possessor of wealth, he must spend the best bloom of his youth in acquiring enough to "start upon," as people are expected to begin now-a-days. Men even in high places, would go to the country for their choice, if they met there equal refinement and intelligence. Women are preparing to take a noble stand in history, and they cannot do it in ignorance.

Town girls have the advantage of more highly polished manners and greater accomplishments; but country girls have infinitely more to recommend them as rivals of their fair city sisters. They have more truth, household knowledge and economy, health, and consequently more beauty, simplicity affection and freshness of impulse and thought. When they have cultivated minds there are more chances in their favor of good sense and real abilities because so much is not demanded by the frivolities of society. The added lustre of foreign accomplishments could easily be caught by such a mind from a very little contact with the world.

I would not speak as though our farmers' daughters are deficient in education. Many brilliant scholars and talented women are found among them; in New England this is especially so, but I seek to awaken the ambition of all to become that admired and favored class which they ought to be, if they will unite refined culture with their most excellent graces.

A sweet country home, with roses and honeysuckles trained to climb over it; with good taste, intelligence and beauty within, toil enough to court acquaintance with books and flowers, and the loveless of nature; with peace, plenty and love, is surely one of the paradises which Heaven has left for the attainment of man.

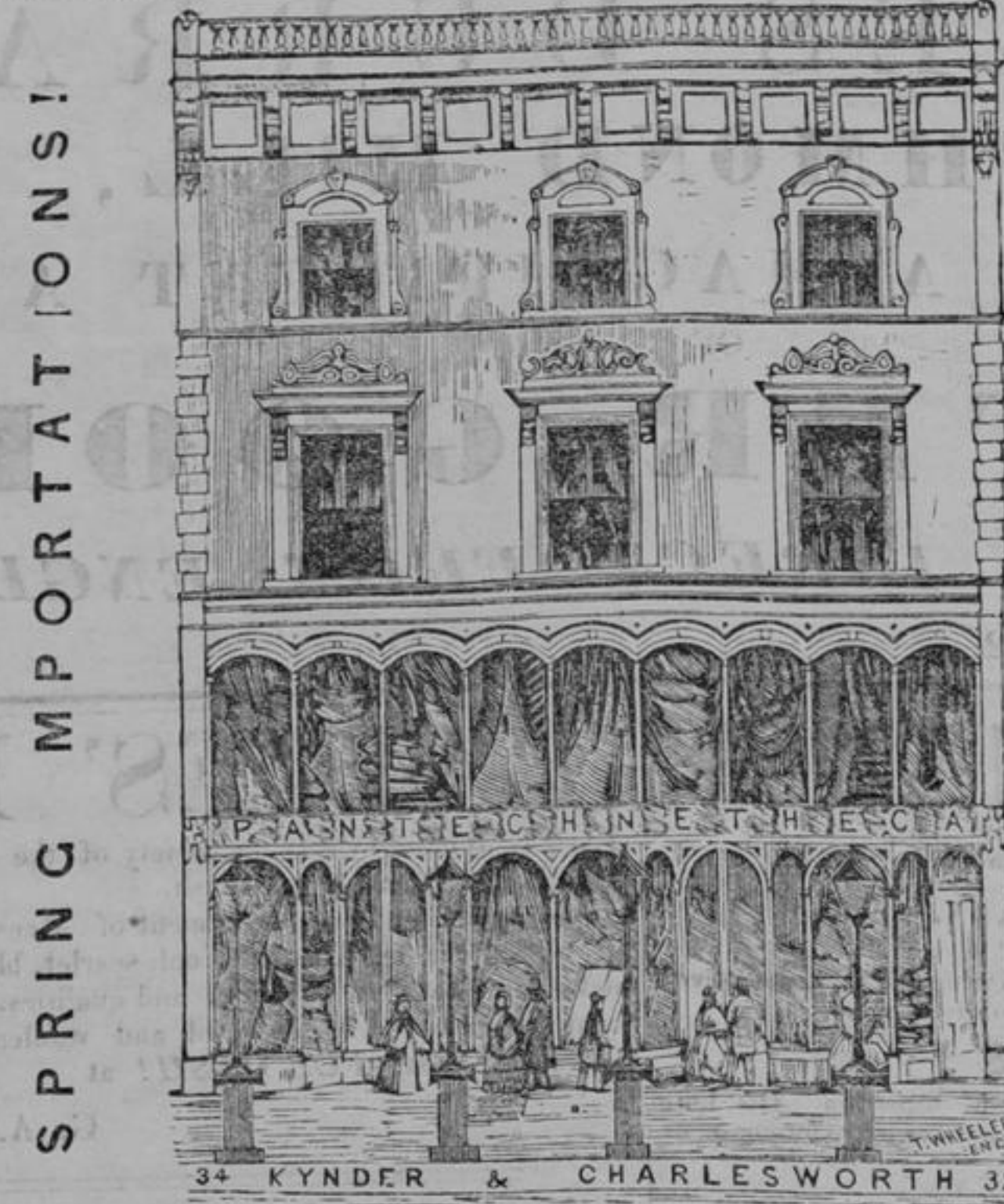
CAUSE OF THE WAR OF 1812.

The manner in which a pig caused the war of 1812, was as follows: Two citizens of Providence, R. I., both of the Federal school of politics, chanced to quarrel. They were neighbors, and one of them owned a pig which had a strong propensity to perambulate in the garden, complained that his neighbor's pigsty was insufficient to restrain the pig, and the neighbor insisted that the garden fences were not in good repair. One morning, as pig was taking his usual ramble, he was surprised in the very act of rooting up some valuable bulbous roots; this was the "last father," and the owner of the garden instantly put the pig to death with a pitchfork.

At the coming election, the owner of the garden was a candidate for the Legislature, and his neighbor, who, but for the quarrel, would have voted for him, voted for the Democratic candidate, who was elected by a majority of one. At the election of a United States Senator, a Democrat was chosen by a majority of one; and when the question of war with England was before the Senate, it was declared by a majority of only one.

A PAIR OF HUSBANDS.—A country editor perpetrates the following upon the marriage of a Mr. Husband to the lady of his choice: This case is the strangest we've known in our life, The husband's a Husband, and so is his wife!

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