"I WOULDN'T—WOULD YOU."

When a lady is seen at a party or ball,
Her eyes vainly turned in her fits of conceit,
As she peers at the gentlemen, fancying all
Are enchain'd by her charms, and would kneel at her feet,
With each partner coquetting—to nobody true—
I wouldn't give much for her *chances!*—would you?

When an upstart is seen on the flags strutting out,
With his hat cock'd aslant, and a glass in his eye;
And thick clouds of foul smoke he stands puffing about,
As he inwardly says, "What a noble am I."
While he twists his moustache for the ladies to view—
I wouldn't give much for his *senses*:—would you?

When a wife runs about at her neighbors to pry,
Leaving children at home, unprotected to play;
Till she starts back in haste at the sound of their cry,
And finds they've been fighting while mother's away,
Sugar eaten—panes broken—the wind blowing through;
I wouldn't give much for her *comfort*:—would you?

When a husband is idle, neglecting his work,
In the public-house, snarling with quarrelsome knaves;
When he gambles with simpletons, drinks like a Turk,
While the good wife at home for the poor children slaves,
And that home is quite destitute, painful to view:
I wouldn't give much for his *morals*!—would you?

When a boy at his school, lounging over his seat,
Sits rubbing his head, and neglecting his book,
While he rummages his pockets for something to eat
Yet pretendeth to read when his master may look,
Though he boasts to his parents how much he can do;
I wouldn't give much for his *progress*:—would you?

When a tradesman his neighbor's fair terms will decry,
And keeps puffing his goods at a wonderful rate;
E'en at prices at which no fair trader can buy;
Though customers flock to him early and late;
When a few months have fled, and large bills become due,
I wouldn't give much for his *credit*:—would you?

When in murderous deeds a man's hands are embrued,
Tho' revenge is his plea, and the crime is conceal'd,
The severe stings of conscience will quickly intrude,
And the mind, self-accusing, can never be healed;
When the strong arm of justice sets out to pursue,
I wouldn't give much for his *freedom*:—would you?

When a husband and wife keep their secrets apart,
Not a word to my spouse about this, or on that;
When a trifle may banish the pledge of their heart,
And he naggles—she naggles—both contradict flat;
Tho' unequaled their love when its first blossom blew;
I wouldn't give much for their *quiet*:—would you?

When a man who has lived here for none but himself,
Feels laid on his strong frame the cold hand of death,
When all fade away—wife, home, pleasures and pelf,
And he yields back to God both his soul and his breath;
As up to the judgment that naked soul flew—
I wouldn't give much for his *Heaven*!—would you?

Lemons a Cure for Consumption.

A correspondent of an English medical journal furnishes the following recipe as a new cure for consumption: put a dozen whole lemons in cold water and boil until soft (not too soft), roll and squeeze until the juice is all extracted, sweeten the juice enough to be palatable, then drink. Use as many as a dozen a day. Should they cause pain or looseness of the bowels, lessen the quantity and use five or six a day until better, then begin and use a dozen again. By the time you have used five or six dozen you will begin to gain strength and have an appetite. Of course as you get better you need not use so many. Follow these directions and we know that you need never regret it if there is any help for you. Only keep it up faithfully. We know of two cases where both of the patients were given up by the physicians, and were in the last stages of consumption, yet both were cured by using lemons according to the directions we have stated. One lady in particular was bedridden and very low; had tried everything that money could procure, but all in vain, when, to please a friend, she was finally persuaded to use the lemons. She begun to use them in February, and in April she weighed 140 pounds. She is a well woman today, and likely to live as long as any of us.

THE GRANDPA.—The grandpa is an individual, aged somewhere between fifty and a hundred years, and is a common occurrence in most well regulated families.

Next to a healthy mother-in-law, they have more business on hand than enny other party in the household.

Grandpas are poor help at bringing up children; they are full of precept and katekism, but the young ones all seem to understand that grandpa minds them a heap more than they mind grandpa.—*Josh Billings.*

The 119th psalm contains the Hebrew alphabet.

Odds and Ends.

He who withholds his influence from the right gives it to the wrong.

Human nature possesses a possible tendency to sin, not a necessary one.

There is more nutriment in a loaf of bread than in a barrel of whiskey.

There is a bible in the library of Gottingberg written on 2,470 palm leaves.

The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet, I and J being considered as one.

There are 130,000 licensed places where rum is sold in the United States and Territories.

The cost of the public schools of the city of New York and the police, is $8,000,000 per year.

Politeness costs but a trifle, yet it may secure to us a life-long friendship.

He that accounts a person an enemy with a single fault, will have but few friends.

Old bachelors will read with subdued joy the following epitaph on one of their order, written by himself:

At threescore winters end I died,
A cheerless being, sole and sad;
The nuptial knot I never tied,
And wished my father never had.

Recipe for making a Russian name: take three alphabets and shake them up in a hat, then throw on a table, like dice—pick out those that all right side up, stick them in a line, and add either the "itch" or the "koff," and you have a genuine, full fledged Russian general's name.

THE PEST.—The caterpillars have only disappeared for a season, and will soon be seen in the shape of white moths. Just now they may be found on the trees, in the corners of houses, and such places, where they have made for themselves a temporary dwelling of a couple of leaves, and encased themselves in a cocoon much like that of a silkworm. As soon as they become moths, they will commence laying eggs, which will be seen in bracelets round the limbs of trees, and each of which will develop into about a couple of hundred crawlers next year.

"Can't you give a feller a lift?" remarked a red-nosed tramp, poking his head in the door of a country store. "Well, I reckon I can," answered the proprietor, as he lifted him about ten feet, with the end of his boot.

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This will only Last for Two Weeks.

We shall then be receiving our new goods from England and the sale will close.

Now, then, for a few particulars. Read them and don't forget them.

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AT 50 CENTS A YARD.

Over one hundred patterns, pure Silks, choice designs, most fashionable colors, at fifty cents a yard. There is nothing in Guelph of the same quality, at anything near the price.

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The Choicest Kid Gloves, 50 cents a pair.
Magnificent Sash Ribbons, 25 cents a yard, only a few left.
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HERE NO OFFER IS REFUSED.

And hundred and hundreds of Hats, trimmed and untrimmed, scores of Summer Suits, Mantles and Jackets are going just for anything they will bring.

This is a great chance. Don't let it pass by.

"The Lion" cannot be touched for Cheap Goods.

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Our Teas are all selected for their superior drawing qualities
Special discount on purchases over 5 lbs.

COFFEES.

Our stock comprises the best grades of
Old Government Java,
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Maracaibo, and Rio.
Roasted and ground, daily, on the premises, thus retaining all the natural aroma and flavor of the berry.

COCOAS AND CHOCOLATES.

Taylor's Cocoa and Chocolate,
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SUGARS.

Refined, in Loaves, Cut Loaf,
Dry Crushed, Granulated,
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These goods are the finest exported.

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The Finest Goods Manufactured.

Soaps of all kinds.

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FARINACEOUS GOODS.

Carolina Rice, Arracan Rice,
Pearl Sago, Rio Tapioca
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DESSERT FRUITS

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Arrowroot, Wine, Soda, Abernethy,
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Ginger Snaps,
Candies and Sweetments of all kinds.
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Chinaware, White Stone Sets,
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And a full line of other kinds,
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Selling at the manufacturers' prices.

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Tumblers, Goblets,
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Wall Papers and Window Blinds
In great variety—cheap.

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Boneless Codfish, Herrings,
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Of Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Japan and Black Teas ranging in price from 10 cents upwards. The best value in the county.

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