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THE YOUNG WIDOW.

She is modest, but not bashful,
Free and easy, but not bold;
Like an apple, ripe and mellow,
Not too young and not too old;
Half in mirth, half repulsive,
There is mischief in her smile,
There is danger in her eyes.
She has studied human nature;
She is schooled in all her arts;
She has taken her diploma;
As the mother of all hearts;
She is welcome to all.
When to sigh and when to smile;
Oh, a maid is sometimes charming,
But a widow all the while.
Are you east? How very serious!
Will her handsome face become?
Are you angry? She is wretched,
Lonly friendless, alone, and pale,
Are you afraid? how her hair
Silver sounding, will ring out?
She can live and catch and play you!
The singer does the trout!
Ye old bachelors of forty,
Who have given up bold and wise,
Young Americans of twenty,
With the love-lots in your eyes
You may practice all the lessons,
Taught by Cupid since the fall,
But I know a little widow
Who could win and fool you all.

Dramatic Close of an Interior view.

A gentleman from the north, stepping at Jacksonville, recently wandered off on a little forest stroll, and soon came upon a tumble-down old cabin, at the door of which was seated a venerable white man, with eyes half-closed with age and his snowy hair falling thickly about his shoulders. He was watching a little darkie, about fifteen years old, gathering palmetto roots. The gentleman from the north engaged the ancient forester in conversation about the crops, &c., and found the old man intelligent and well-informed about his surroundings, "but as to wages now," pursued the northern visitor, "how much do you have to pay hired help down here?" "Take that little nigger gathering roots there, how much do you have to pay him a day?" The old man hesitated a second or two, and then slowly said, taking his long white hair through his fingers, "Well, to tell you the truth, stranger, I'm not much on wages myself. The fact is, that little boy gathering roots out there is my wife's son."

The northern gentleman had no further questions to ask, more particularly, perhaps, as "that little nigger's" mother—a strapping big colored woman—counselor of the cabin about that time with a big pair of tongs in her hand, carrying a blazing coal for the old man's pipe.

Johnny's Composition on the Sheriff.

A man which was the Sheriff of a jail his prisoners kept a gittin out nites an' steelin' hens, cos the jail wassent strong enough to hold em in side. So the man he said, the man did: "Put me next to the jail with gittin' my hary's" and he hid in a corner of the jail just on the jail. Unto the jail he had just some salt into the paint, and some cows came along and licked the paint off and then the prisoners got out a other time and staled more hens. When the Sheriff he seen wot they had done he was so angry he said: "This aint no place for theefes, you bet; so you fellers has got to either leave your selfs or live out and make round for your bush best way you can."

Made of awl work—Shoes.

A stalk holder—The flower pot.
Hard to beat—the spring carpet.
The plea of the sparrows—spare us.

The early bird catches the bro-
phitis.

A sad iron—the one that is left
to iron.

The hangman's vegetable—The
art o' choke.

Sound investment—Buying a
telephone.

Border tables—matching the
wall paper.

A St. Louis woman "died with
out medical assistance."

Keep aloof from quarrels; be
neither a witness nor a party.

If you wish for care, perplexity
and misery, be selfish in all things—
this is the shortest road to trouble.

Try to combine beauty and
utility. A flower is none the less
sweet because it has a garnet in its
heart that will fructify after the
fall of its petals.

An eccentric banker was eyeing
with suspicion a bill presented
to him for discount. "You need
not fear," said his palpitating cus-
tomer; "one of the parties keeps
his carriage." "Ah," rejoined the
banker, "I shall be glad if he
keeps his feet."

Two Americans lately visited
Hamilton for the purpose of pur-
chasing 125,000 tons of ice. They
did not succeed. They say that
the American ports are short of
that necessary, and merchants will
be obliged to pay fabulous sums
for it ere the summer is over.

Teacher with reading class:
Boy (reading)—"And as she sailed
down the river."
Teachers—"Why are ships called
she?"

Boy (precociously alive to the
responsibilities of his sex)—"Be-
cause they need men to manage
them."

The young man paced the park.
While she was cleaning her teeth;
And the thought of the last dollar
of the ready money would beset her.

The old man sat on the counter.
With his head between his hands;

And rejoiced that his girl had a boy.

Who would help him to meet his de-
mands.

Both mistaken.

Up in Muskoka there is a farm
owned by a man who last fall went
to work for a few months at a
distant town. On returning to
the farm this spring he found that
during the winter his wife had
eaten and cleared three acres of
land, besides attending to all the
other farm work and looking after
a numerous family of children.

The province ought to award her a
bonus.

A tramp was pulled off the
track of a passenger car the other
day, and after skilfully submit-
ting to the accustomed kick, turned
to the conductor and said: "Old man, you can belt away at
me with that leather lead you
carry on the end of your leg till I
kick you flat on the back, but you
will never hold me back, but you
can't knock the glory out of me." I
keep on shouting over the
roofs of houses, "I am just 315 miles
across of this grandiose monopoly.
I stick to this car at Roma.
Whew!"

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

For the relief
and cure of all
diseases of the
stomach, liver, and bowels.

They are safe, active, and
peculiarly valuable.

They are especially
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