A BACHELOR'S APOLOGY.

Her eyes were bright; her figure slight,
And I felt as any fairy;
Her face was heavenward inclined;
Her manners sweet and airy.

Her mouth was like a scarlet;
Her voice like any lame;
Her head was little, and I fear
Just very little in it.

But then so artless was her art,
My heart could not resist her;
And besides, to her other charms,
She had a pretty sister.

They bloomed like any double rose,
They blushed like a double pink;
One chased the empire of Laura;
The other, Kate, I think.

When left alone with Laura,
Listening to his soft dictate;
At times my eye Laura's sister,
I cocked more on Kate.

And thus so close between them
There reason to decide,
Poor me! I had been lost indeed
Were either for me bride.

To flirt one fewer, and leaves her
Companion left alone,
To pick a single as lives
Would shed a heart of stone.

And that's the reason, Ladies,
I'm still your partisan,
For being single hearted,
I rest a single man.

He was after Dickens.

'Do you want to hire a reporter?' enquired a red nosed young man, as he thrust his illuminated olfactory into this office yesterday.

He was informed that we had all the help we required at present.

'Sorry—very sorry,' he said, blowing quite low; just noticed by squib in newspaper that the immortal Dickens began life as a reporter; first I heard of it, and concluded at once to begin that myself. Dickens made a great success of it, and what has been done once can be done again.'

We acknowledged that Dickens had made quite a hit.

'A decided hit, put in the young, 'and all I want is to start under the same auspices. Sure you have no place for me?'

'No place at present.'

'Mighty sorry, replied the applicant; 'have just been reading David Copperfield,' and am very much charmed with the authors style.'

'David Copperfield, not Copperfield,' we ventured to suggest.

'Perhaps you're right; yes, now I recollect. You are right; much obliged; been playing baseball lately, and have got names confused. Will be in town a few days, and hope you will not forget me if a vacancy should occur; good day.'

We promised to remember him and the young man withdrew.

Promising his beacon light once more by gaslight.

'Dickens, Webster, Benjamin Franklin and Napoleon Bonaparte also began life in newspaper offices, but I don't care for them; Dickens is the man I'm after,' and he closed the door softly and went downstairs on his tiptoes.

Politics vs. Appetite.

Recently a republican at Atlanta, Ga., who is also a preacher, tackled old Uncle Remus on the subject of politics.

"I understand, old man," said he, "that you are a Democrat."

"Dunno bout dat, boss,"

"Well, is comes pretty straight,"

"I know dey got two sides, one what dey calls Rudikel, but I don't bodder wid 'em w'en de weather gits dis stiff."

"I hear that you vote on the Democratic ticket every time."

"I vote wid my young marster what I nussed w'en he want no bigger dan a buck rabbit."

"Now, don't you know that this is going back on your color?

"But hit aint going back on my belly, an' of I don't tender dat, de cold rain dat comes 'long mout wash de color right outen me. I ain't takin'no chances in dis bisness, boss. I'm gettin' ole, an' de older I gits de hungrier I gits—I dez for a fac."

"Look at me. I vote the Republican ticket, and I'm not losing any flesh."

"You sorter preaches round, like don't you?

"Sometimes; yes. Why?"

"Caze, dats' whar de fun comes in. I don't git the chance for to feed outen no beaver hat, an I don't eat offen no plated what dey takes up church kleckshun in. I'm a mighty lonesome nigger, an' has to scuffle 'long de bes' I kin wi'out any congregation at my back."

The preacher looked at his watch and said he would talk some more another time, while Uncle Remus, with a serene smile on his venerable face went down street.

Men of uniform habits—soldiers.

A teetotalers excess—Water-fight.

A dead failure—the undertaker's.

The "latest thing out."—One's husband.

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"I should like to know your plan for travelling without a ticket as I am a frequent traveller, and I don't mind giving you a dollar for the tip."

"Done," said the man, and after pocketing the bill he remarked, quietly, "When I want to travel without a ticket, I walk."

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.

The door of a secret sin supposes it is he they are talking about.

An artist is not as strong as a horse, but he can draw a larger object.

"I am afraid, dear wife, that while I am gone, absence will conquer love." "O dear, never!" the longer you stay away the more I will like you."

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