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Italy, it is announced, is strongly opposing emigration.

The President of the Mormon Church himself admits that the days of polygamy are numbered.

It is an interesting fact, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, that of 1335 acts passed by the recent Congress, 1081, or more than four-fifths, were for pensions to individuals.

An English experimenter, E. T. Chaplin, has given an account of hypnotizing a laying hen, and inducing her in that manner to sit on a sitting of eggs until seven of them had hatched out.

The Manufacturers' Board claims that "the agricultural possibilities of the South are greater than those of the balance of the country all combined, based on the aggregate values and on actual profits to producers."

Five years ago those who enjoyed bowling on "ten pins" in and about New York city certainly did not number more than 5000, says the New York Times. To-day, if a census would be taken it is doubtful if less than 20,000 patrons of the alley would be counted.

The Indianapolis (Ind.) News says: "An erratic old gentleman in New York recently went home and left a large fortune to be expended in teaching people to eat with their forks. Had he left one-half of the sum to provide something for them to practice on, his memory as a benefactor would have lasted longer."

A Chicago inventor claims to have produced a machine for picking cotton that will do the work in the Southern fields for one-tenth the present cost. The present cost is estimated at nearly \$100,000,000 a year. It follows that if this machine will do all that is claimed for it, the saving effected will be not much less than \$90,000,000 a year.

Great preparations are being made in Australia for the forthcoming Australasian Convention, in which representatives of Great Britain and the colonies will meet.

## REVELATION.

Brain-weary, heart-weary, soul-weary,  
I sit me down to-night;  
And sadness deep enfolds me  
As the dark engulfs the light.  
This daily toil and struggle—  
Does it not far out-weigh  
The little grains of gladness  
We pick up, day by day?

Not for myself I sorrow,  
My lot is heavenly bright  
In contrast to the many  
That throng my thoughts to-night.  
So much of toil and trouble!  
So much of needless pain!  
So much of wasted riches  
Of hand and heart and brain!

I strive to put it from me,  
This puzzle old as Time—  
Of unrewarded virtues,  
Of thriving, happy crime.  
I glance about for something  
To turn my thoughts' sad strata;  
My eye falls on the Cereus  
That wreathes my window pane.

So quaint and grim and ugly  
In its tortuous twistings there,  
So full of thorns, so graceless,  
Devoid of all that's fair!  
"Fit symbol," muse I, sadly,  
"Of our twisted, torn-strewn lives;  
All barren, bent and wasted,  
Where hope alone survives."

But even as I whisper  
These words of rebel gloom,  
A strange, delicious fragrance  
Pervades my lonely room;  
And starting up in wonder,  
I trace the perfume's source  
To a bud upon the branches  
I had scorned as mean and coarse!

I watch it, wonder-stricken,  
The clasping leaves unfold,  
And reveal its matchless beauty,  
So pure, with heart of gold!  
I feel its mystic message  
To my very being's core,  
And the burden that oppressed  
Is gone to come no more!

Could ever sweeter token  
Or surer answer come,  
Than this perfect, stainless blossom  
From its strange, unrightly home?  
A flash of revelation  
Enlightens all my soul;  
The clouds of doubt and darkness  
Forever from me roll!

My heart swells up in gladness,  
In gratitude and love,  
In faith and trust, implicit,  
To the Father-heart above!  
I know, past all distrusting,  
That from our pain and strife,  
Will bloom in perfect beauty  
A glorious after-life!

—Henrik H. Steens, in the Housewife.

has had simple... We may go well... got of the quiet eye... farm-house in the way... But... And uglier-looking... deria's sight!" added one of the men.

The Tory horsemen now wheeled about and retraced their way to the farm-house, which was only a short distance, just as Randolph Darell was on the point of emerging from the wood; but luckily he discovered them in season to escape their notice, by abruptly retreating back again under cover.

Alighting once more at the door of the farm-house, the Tory leader ordered Mrs. Hart to prepare dinner for the party, and bestir herself.

"How can I give you dinner when I've nothing to cook?" retorted the resolute-looking woman, angrily. "I should need a full larder to satisfy a half-dozen such dirty rascals as you are."

"Silence, woman!" thundered the Tory, in a commanding voice, "and do our bidding." "I'll soon give you something to cook," he added, leveling his carbine as he spoke, and bringing down a plump turkey gobbler that was strutting along under cover of the garden wall.

"There, now, go and pluck that fine fellow, my beauty, and don't be long about it, or we might be tempted to serve you in the same way."

Leah, who had shrunk timidly into a corner, started up in alarm when she heard this threat, and made her way out to the spot where the bird had fallen.

Randolph Darell, alarmed at the shot, was just on the point of dashing out of his cover to go to the rescue of the females, when he saw his affianced rush out, and bear the turkey hastily to the house.

In a moment he divined the cause of the fring; and not apprehending any immediate danger to his sweetheart, so long as the Tories were only anxious to appease their appetites, he went back to his cover.

The quick eyes of the Tory leader took in the graceful outlines of the fair girl's figure, as she rushed from the house.

"By the beard of King George!" he exclaimed, admiringly, "who could have expected to see such a hanged in petticoats 'ere. Come, my lass, and give us one kiss from the rose-bud of a mouth."

"You dare to lay your cowardly hand on my Leah," cried the enraged mother, doubling up her great, bony fist, and I'll strangle you like a cat!"

"Why, you squint-eyed old beauty," retorted the Tory, mockingly, "I took you for a hanged, but I find you are wickeder than a she wolf with whelp!"

The rest of the gang laughed boisterously at this weak attempt at wit. Then turning to Leah with a gallant smile, the Tory inquired how long it would take to pluck and cook the fowl.

Leah answered in a modest tone of womanly anxiety, that it would require at least three hours to serve it to their liking.

"But," she added, in a tone of confidence, "we have a piece of roast mutton and some cold potatoes and corn-cakes in the kitchen, if they will answer."

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## THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The Old, Old Story—A Standing Weariness—She Believed in Economy—Etc., Etc.

I loved her through the summer-time,  
Through autumn awe and yellow,  
In winter sang her grace in rhyme—  
In spring—oh, wooden, staid crime—  
She wed another fellow. —Epoch.

SHE BELIEVED IN ECONOMY.  
She—"Yes, love is blind."  
He—"Is it? Then what is the use of keeping the gas burning?"—Brooklyn Lift.

A STANDING WEARINESS.  
"You look rather weary," said the cloud to the Eiffel Tower.  
"Yes; I was up all night," replied the Tower.—Life.

DRUGGISTS' DANGER SIGNALS.  
Patient—"Why do they always put red lights in druggists' windows?"  
Dr. Fairbairn—"Danger signals—Beware the drug!"—Pharmaceutical Era.

CARDS FOR NEXT JUNE.  
Philadelphia Girl—"I feel lost here in all this noise and hurry of New York."  
New York Man—"If findings is keepings, Miss Fairmount, 'I'll head a search party.'"—Pack.

A DIFFERENCE.  
Agnes—"Jack is in love with you."  
Marie—"Nonsense!"  
Agnes—"That's what I said when I heard it."  
Marie—"How dared you!"

THE BRASCO.  
Jack—"Why do they give all these dishes French names? By their common English names they'd taste as sweet."  
Tom—"Yes, but they wouldn't cost as much."—Munsey's Weekly.

AMBIGUOUS.  
Mr. Holt—"Yes, that is my son over yonder. When we were last year he was quite bilious, but can see well enough."  
Dawson (sympathizingly)—"Affliction!"

lieve that the girl I loved was worth ten thousand dollars. After the ceremony I heard she had only one hundred dollars in bank.

Scooper—"That is a bad failure. Just one cent on the dollar, wasn't it?"—Judge.

VERY CONSIDERATE.  
Miss Stanhope (promenading with her mamma)—"Great horrors! here comes that accommodating little clerk of Lacy's—and he looks as if he was going to join us—right before the Hastings, too."

Goggins (halting them, smiling)—"How'd ye do, Mrs. Stanhope and Miss Gertrude, how'd ye do—I believe you have actually forgotten me."

Mrs. Stanhope—"Well, sir, we are the last people in the world to try to shake any man's belief, I hope."—Munsey's Weekly.

HE WANTED TO HAVE THE LINE DRAWN.  
"The ideal civilization will be reached when we knock off work the moment the thermometer registers eighty degrees," said the social reformer.

"That is so," rejoined the Philistine philosopher. "Let me have the fixing of the thermometers and I care not how soon it comes. I should hate to see the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, the engineer, the industrious artisan, and those who minister to our needs and comforts thrown out of work by a mere coincidental reading of their thermometers and mine."—Boston Transcript.

NOT PRACTICAL ENOUGH FOR HIM.  
"Your father refuses his consent to our union!"  
"He does, Harold."  
"Nothing seems to be left for me except an elopement! I'll do it!"  
Myrtle, said the young man, looking a sob, "that's what you call a luxurious home, isn't it?"

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## SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A mill at Alpena, Mich., makes good manilla paper from pulp of tamarack.

An Iowa court has decided that a meteor belongs to the person on whose land it falls.

Montana claims to have the largest finest Jasper quarries in the country discovered.

A new gun has been perfected by Gaidoli, of Lucca, which will fire four shots a minute.

For every fifteen yards we descend the earth the temperature increases ten degrees Fahrenheit.

The fastest ship in the French navy now has a speed of 19.63 knots an hour without engine strain.

An Italian savant is projecting a current milk delay.

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