Poetry.

WAITING.

Waiting! For what? Shall I ever know?
Or shall the new years creep drowsily by
Till my death day comes; shall I never know why
I was born, and must live out my life of woe?

Is the whole of my lifetime merely a pause
'Twixt my birth, that was, and my death to be?
Must I always follow, and ne'er be free?
Am I only effect? Can I never be cause?

Or am I but a link of the weariful chain
Or life, and the sequence of of things gone by?
I am forced to live, for I cannot die,
But my life is empty and all in vain.

Yet sometimes I hear my spirit, elate
At the thought of the glories deeds to be done,
Cry: "Strike! 'Tis the time!" But, in answer, one—
Shall I ever know who?—whispers: "Silence, Wait!"

It cannot be hope, for her voice is sweet;
It is not Despair, for I know her well;
'Tis like the ceaseless drone of a knell,
And wearies the heart with monotonous beat.

Still another voice ever whisper to me:
"Awake! 'Tis the hour! Go forward and fight!
Thy probation is ended, and impotent night
Has burst into day!" So shall I set me free?

I know not, I know not; this only I dread,
That, ere that voice shall proclaim that hour,
Not only the will may be lost, but the power,
And I may be cold with the nameless dead.

Miscellaneous.

UNINHABITED.

A surveying ship, traversing the ocean for scientific purposes, approached a wild rock which rises from the Indian Ocean and on the summit of which is situated Danger Island. The least touch of an earthquake, or an unusual stroke of hurricane, may some day topple it over into the bottomless gulf. From this persuasion, possibly, man has never attempted to erect his dwellings upon it; there it stands, in the midst of the surge, overcanopied by the bluest of blue skies, surrounded by a boundless expanse of waves, generally shining and beautiful, but as little specked by sails as if they girded an inhabited planet. Yet through no gale is astir, the billows incessantly fret and foam against the cliffs of Danger Island which on all sides descend sheer into the deep, so as to appear from a short distance perfectly inaccessable. A boat was sent from the ship, however, and after rowing to a considerable distance along the foot of the precipices, one gentleman discovered a small hole, through which he felt confident he could climb to the summit, and the boat being pushed quite close to the rocks, two of the most daring landed, and after no slight toil and peril, got to the top. The prospect which then presented itself was truly extraordinary. Rendered green as an emerald by the agency of hidden springs, the whole surface of the island was thickly strewn with eggs of innumerable oceanic birds, which, rising from the task of incubation, formed a canopy of wings overhead. The eggs were of all colors, white, chocolate, and cerulean blue, dotted with brown or crimson, or torquoise or black: Here and there little hills protruded from the shells; and the mothers, though scared away for a moment by the unusual appparation of men, soon alighted near the young, being, in spite of the name of their home, thoroughly unacquainted with danger. It might also be said to be formed in one nest, divided into several apartments, where the naturalist, if he could live on eggs, might study the appearance, habits and character of half the winged dwellers of the deep.

HEAT OF THE MOON'S SURFACE.

One of the latest and most remarkable teachings of astronomical science is that the moon, when full, is so intensely hot that no creature known to us could long endure the contact with her heated surface. The reasoning in this case is that the surface of the moon is exposed during the long lunar day, lasting a fortnight of our terrestrial time, to the rays of a sun as powerful as that which gives us our daily heat; and, without an atmosphere to temper the sun's heat as ours does—not, indeed, by impeding the passage of the solar rays, but by bearing aloft the cloud-veil which the sun raises from our oceans—the moon's surface must become intensely hot long before the middle of the lunar day. Undoubtedly the want of an atmosphere causes the moon's heat to be rapidly radiated away into space. It is the earth's atmosphere which causes a steady heat to prevail on its surface; and at the summit of lofty mountains where the atmosphere is rare, although the midday is intense, yet so rapidly does the heat pass away that snow crowns forever the mountain heights. Yet, although the moon's heat must pass away even more rapidly, this does not prevent the heating of the moon's actual surface. Accordingly, Herschel has pointed out, as a fact beyond doubt, that the moon's surface must be heat at lunar midday—or, rather, at the time of lunar mid-heat, corresponding to about two o'clock in our afternoon—to a degree probably surpassing the heat of boiling water.

☞ Lancaster has lost one of its most mysterious characters in the person of a woman aged sixty-three. She was conscious to the last, and in anticipation of her death expressed a wish to have no clergyman or religious services at her burial. And in different parts of the room was found $52 in money, $20 of it in greenbacks, some pennies, and the remainder in notes of old State banks, some good, some worthless. In another room there were about two barrels of stones, brick, etc., which had been thrown in the house by bad boys; in another room were knives, a gun, powder, shot and caps, and in another about four barrels of cakes, which had been given to her by different parties, and were dried up, besides pies, etc., tied up carefully, all of which she refused to eat because of her apprehensions that some one was trying to poison her.—*Eng. Paper.*

☞ Action is life and health; repose is death and corruption.

☞ When a Cunard steamer is ready to sail, but before passengers are received on board, a complete inspection is made of every part of the vessel. The crew are inspected, and go through certain drills, so that in case of accident which would require the use of the boats, or in case of fire, every man would know his place and his duty. Every pump and water-tight door is tested, the supply of rockets and signals examined, and only when everything has been found secure are passengers received on board. No voyage is undertaken if the smallest defect is discovered. To this minute and constant care is due, in part, the good fortune which has attended this long-established line of steamers. The practical rule of the company is never to incur any known risk.

DON'T GET TRUSTED.—If you wish to avoid a numerous train of evils, escape being called a "cheat," and pointed out as the person who likes to run into debt, but never wants to pay, don't get trusted. 'Tis better to wear a home-made garmet, if it does not exactly fit, than to have a bill presented by-an-by, the demands of which you are unable to meet. It is more honorable to have cane-seat chairs in the parlor than more costly ones, reminding you every time they are used that somebody has a mortgage on them. Therefore, if you desire to sleep well, have an easy conscience, and plenty of friends—don't get trusted.

☞ In Paris they make two eggs out of one by cutting the shell with a glazier's diamond, and then slicing the egg quickly with an oiled knife. The two halves are deftly dropped into boiling water on the plate, which "fixes" them, making them look like two, and for which the customer—who has not seen the performance—pays without suspicion. Who couldn't pay the Germans their indemnity and get back two specie payments in three years with such gains?

☞ It is singular that in the same week in which the leaders of the Methodist body were invited by Dean Stanley to be present at the uncovering of a monument to the brothers John and Charles Wesley in Westminster Abbey, they have been called on to pay a bill of costs to establish their right to the use of the title of "reverend." It has cost them no less than £3,000 to restrain the senseless bigotry of the rector of Owston Ferry, sustained as he was by Bishop and Chancellor of the Diocese, and afterwards by the Dean of Arches.—*Christian World.*

☞ A sea captain residing in East Brooklyn has kept the body of a favorite child in his house for seven years. The child died at the age of two years in South America, and the captain had its remains put in a metallic coffin. When he came to Brooklyn he boxed it up and brought it with him, and has had it ever since. Being about to leave Brooklyn and not wishing to take the remains with him, he confided it to his physician.

☞ An inebriated individual fell down a flight of stairs the other night, and a passer-by, fearing him seriously injured, ran to pick him up. But the man majestically staggered to his feet, and in reponse to the proffered aid, roared out: "Now, you jes lemme 'lone, Wan' no slobberin' aroun' me; I allus come down stairs that way!"

☞ Charles Young, a Peninsula veteran, who is stated to have been born in 1769, and was therefore 108 years old, died on Friday, April 28. He entered the Scots Fusileer Guards, and was present at Corunna, Talavera, Barossa, Salamanca, and Victoria. He leaves a large number of descendants, and his eldest daughter is 80 years of age.

☞ "I remember," said the celebrated Wesley, "hearing my father say to my mother—"How could you have the patience to tell that blockhead the same thing twenty times over." "why" said she, if I had told him but nineteen times I should have lost all my labor."

☞ Shoots of the rubber tree are in lively demand in New York for house plants. It is tough, will stand furnance heat, and has a curious and interesting habit of dropping a large sheath that envelops the leaf-bud.

A Kalamazoo woman being told while in church that a divorce had been granted her, began to sing at the top of her voice, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

☞ No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich or poor according to what he *is*, not as to what he *has*.

☞ No matter who you are, what your lot, or where you live, you cannot afford to do that which is wrong. The only way to obtain happiness and pleasure to yourself is to do the right thing.

☞ Sprinkle a little fine salt upon the cabbage heads occasionally, to promote the formation of heads. Cabbage require the presence of salt in the soil to insure the best results.

☞ An Irishman quarrelling with an Englishman, told him if he didn't hold his tongue, he wouldn't break his impenetrable head and let the brains out of his empty skull.

☞ There is nothing like taking all you do at a moderate estimate, to keep mind and body tranquil; whereas grandiloquent notions are apt to hurry both into fever.

☞ A man, simply because he is sick, is not to be starved, nor, on the other hand, can a man who is sick, as a rule, take such articles of food as a well man would be like to take.

☞ English capitalists are said to have lost about five hundred millions of dollars in twelve months in Turkish, Egyptian and Peruvian securities.

☞ Toilers up mountains must expect to step upon a loose stone and slide back now and then, and so must all aspirants after distinction.

☞ My onthankful hearers," said a backwood's preacher, "you are like onto hogs eatin' acorns. They never look up to see where the acorns come from."

☞ Shut not up a brood of evil passions in your bosoms; like enraged serpents, they will bite their own cage.

☞ The excess of our youth are drafts upon our old age, payable with interest, about fifty years after date.

The individual who was accidentally injured by the discharge of his duty is still very low.

Established 1826.

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THE advertiser having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c.

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UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE STOCK
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THE VAN-ALLEN
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IS the cheapest, simplest, most durable, easiest to work, fastest in using, and will give more Butter off the same quantity of cream than any other Churn that has ever been offered for sale in Nova Scotia.

It has been for many years in use in the Western and Northern States and Canada, and takes the first place wherever it has been shown. It has been tried here by a reliable party who states that it is all that it claims to be, and that without any extra exertion or haste they churned and gathered in nine (9) minutes.

An Agent will shortly canvass the County, and orders so received will receive prompt attention.

☞SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.☜

SAMUEL FITZ RANDOLPH,
Proprietor for the Patent Right for the County of Annapolis.

P. S.—The Churn can be seen and examined at the residence of the subscriber, or taken home by the parties and used.

BELLE FARM,
Near Bridgetown, March 1st, '76. } n47 tf

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STEAM HEATING ENGINEERS,
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Important to Farmers and Dairymen of this Province!
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SEEING the failings of other Churns has lately constructed a CHURN which is the *NEAREST PERFECTION* ever yet constructed, and that is taking the lead wherever it has been introduced.

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IT has churned eight pounds of butter from six quarts of cream in forty seconds.

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IT will make Letter butter, and butter that will stand more working than that made in a common churn, the grain being coarser.

IT will make the hardest kind of butter in the hottest days in August.

IT works the buttermilk out in one minute, and cleanses itself in one minute.

BY the motion of the paddles the air is pumped in at the ends, passes through the cream, and is carried off through a tube in the top of the cover. This process cleanses the cream of all unpleasant flavor, and brings the oxygen of the air in contact with the oil in the cream which hardens and turns to butter

IT is driven with cogwheels that set these paddles in rapid motion, and makes the labor so light that a child twelve years old can churn with ease.

These Churns are manufactured at Berwick, N. S., and will be kept constantly on hand after the 30th October, 1875.

Orders strictly attended to.

AGENTS WANTED

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PROPRIETOR,
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November 17th, 1875. tf n33

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January, 1876

Customs Department.

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J. JOHNSON,
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And believing this Stock to be far superior to any imported from the United States, will guarantee all our Customers a Superior Article at a CHEAPER RATE than any manufacturer in the Dominion of Canada. Also having received one of the LATEST IMPROVED TURN SHOE MACHINES, at a cost of $1,000.00, we will be able to compete with any of the Americans or Canadians in the Manufacture of Ladies', Gents', Misses' and Childrens' SLIPPERS of all kinds.

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IT is a well-known fact that all classes of goods get soiled and faded before the material is half worn, and only require cleaning and dying to make them look as good as new. *Carpets, Feathers, Curtains, Dress Goods, Shawls, Waterproof Mantles, Silks and Satins, Gentlemens' Overcoats, Pants, and Vests, &c, &c,* dyed on reasonable terms. BLACK Goods a specialty.

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may '76 A. L. LAW.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of the late James Ameriah Foster, deceased, Merchant of Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, are requested to render their accounts duly attested to within three months, and all persons indebted to said Estate, to make immediate payment to

GEORGE MURDOCH,
Executor.
Bridgetown, March 28th, 1876.

Notice.

ALL persons having legal demands against the Estate of REUBEN D. BALCOM, late of Paradise, in the County of Annapolis, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested within one year from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

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INVITE especial attention to their large and varied stock of STAPLE GOODS and General House Furnishings—Sheetings, damasks, and repps in silk and worsted, table covers and cloths, and a large assortment of dress materials, ladies' fancy costumes, black and colored silks, torquoise and satins, umbrellas and parasols jet and silk buttons, trimmings 3 *and 4 Market Square*,....*St. John N. B.*

NOTICE.

ALL persons having legal demands against the estate of *JOHN WINCHESTER*, late of Rosette, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested within six months from this date, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

MINER TUPPER,
Executor.
Bridgetown, 3rd April, 1876. 13i t13

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Agricultural.

TURKEY BREEDING.—A flock of well grown turkeys make such an agreeable addition to the receipts of the farm and they are often raised with so little *trouble*, that I wonder at the seeming *indifference* of so many farmers with reference to them. The rules for breeding are simple and easily understood, and failures are due to two prominent causes—one, the weather, which, in some seasons, puts at fault the utmost possible care; the other negligence. A hot and dry season is well nigh an essential for success with turkeys. This is so important that it is of little use to be in haste to get turkeys hatched early as we may do with chickens; though old birds are tough enough, young ones are exceedingly tender. If brought out by the first of June, it will, in most cases, be early enough. Even if they live through such chilly and damp weather as is common in May, they will not grow much until hot weather and bugs come to their relief; but, let them hatch out in June, in weather which drives the breeder to the shade, and the little turkeys just enjoy it, they will stretch themselves in the sun and "lay off" with every token of delight. Damp, chilly weather is their ruin; rain abomination; morning dew a poison sure to blight the hopes of inexperienced or careless breeders. Turkeys must be allowed to range very freely to insure success, but not while the grass is wet—that is, during the first two months or so of their lives. After that, one need not be quite so particular. Early turkeys not being advisable, the first litter of eggs from a hen may be reserved for a common hen in May, and the turkey hen invited to lay a second litter, which she will do if broken up. I think the earliest turkeys do better in any case with a common hen, as she roams less and the chicks become more tractable, and the females from among them make more manageable mothers for next year.—*Rural World.*

SOD AS A FERTILIZIER.

During the past year I made a limited experiment in the use of grass sod as a fertilizer. It was desired to plant a piece of worn-out land in cabbage. Home-made manure was exhausted, and it was doubtful whether commercial fertilizer would pay on land so utterly destitute of humus and all other carbonaceous matter. Furrows were opened four feet apart with a one horse turn-plow which was twice each way, opening to a depth and width of about ten inches. The roadsides were resorted to for wild grass sods, which were taken up with a spade, of a width to suit the furrows, and of such length as the sod would allow. These were turned bottom upwards in the furrows, which were then filled full of loose earth with a hoe. After the first rain, the plants, which were a good size, dippled into the loose earth, the roots reaching down to the sods. The plants gained a rapid growth within a few days, and the result was such a crop of cabbages as I have never seen produced except in soils in a high state of fertility previously, or made so for the special crop by a very liberal application of fertilizers. The sod was a source of both moisture and fertility, and maintained a thriftiness in the plants during a drouth which seriously affected adjoining crops.—*Plantation.*

PREPARATION OF SOIL.

Success in gardening depends largely upon properly preparing the soil in the spring. Simply plowing is not sufficient. It stirs the soil only a few inches in depth and only imperfectly that distance. The use of the spade does that work much more thoroughly and may be extended to any depth desired. A portion of the manure should be spaded in and well mixed with the soil. The work of spading is not a very formidable undertaking; it offers a good opportunity for sedentary persons to take a healthy exercise in the cool of the morning before going to their day's work. One need not confine himself to a single spading of the soil, several will do it no harm, but much good. The more thoroughly the fertilizers are mingled with the soil the greater will be their effect. Lumps, if there are any in the soil, must be disposed of in some way, either by pulverizing or raking off. Soil should not be worked when wet, for it is then liable to dry in hard lumps. Thorough spading, abundant manuring and repeated raking will secure a good preparation of soil for a successful garden.—*Lewiston Journal.*

☞ In order to be successful in farming, one must study the elements which enter into the crops produced and then supply such as the soil is found to be deficient in.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

INFANTS' FOOD.—Mix the rice flour with cool milk, and stir into boiling milk, until of the proper thickness; sweeten with loaf sugar.

INGROWING TOE NAIL.—Put a very small piece of tallow in a spoon, and heat until it becomes very hot, then pour it on the granulations. This plan is instantly effectual, and two or three applications never fail of a cure.

ROSE OIL: TO MAKE THE HAIR GROW.—Rose petals, beat into a pulp, three or four ounces; olive oil, three quarters of a pint; macerate in the sun or a warm place, in a covered vessel, for a week, and press out the oil. Repeat the process with fresh roses till the oil smells sufficiently strong, and then filter.

TOOTH WASH—TO REMOVE BLACKNESS.—Pure muriatic acid, 1 oz.; water, 1 oz.; honey, 2 ozs.; mix. Take a toothbrush and wet it freely with this preparation, and briskly rub the black teeth, and in a moment's time they will be perfectly white then immediately wash out the mouth with water, that the acid may not act upon the enamel of the teeth.

JAPAN FOR LEATHR.—1. Boiled linseed oil, one gallon; burnt umber, eight ounces, asphaltum, three ounces; boil, and add oil of turpentine to dilute to a proper consistence. 2. Boiled oil, one gallon; the black of Prussian blue to color. Prussian blue, when heated, turns of a black color, thus the black japanned table cloth, used for table covers, is prepared by painting the cloth with prussian blue and boiled oil, and then drying it by the heat of a stove, when in the drying it takes its intense color.

FLAT IRONS.—To prevent flat irons from rusting, melt one-quarter of an ounce of camphor and one-half pound of fresh hogs' lard over a slow fire, take off the scum, and mix as much black lead with the composition as will bring it to the color of iron. Spread this over the articles for which it is intended. Let it lie for twenty-four hours, and then rub it well with a dry linen cloth. Or smear the irons over with melted suet, and dust thereon some pounded, unslacked lime from a muslin bag. Cover the irons with baize in a dry place when not in use.

Jokers' Corner.

Spell bound—stuck on a word at the spelling match.

A good lawyer is not a necessity, for necessity knows no law.

In what key would a lover write a proposal of marriage?—Be mine, ah!

An imp-roving light—Sergeant Bates.—*Graphic.*

A mild form of new-mown-ia—the hay fever.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

A *Trenton* bankrupt always valued his possessions above par. That is the heaviest lie-ability.

Just the thing for inquisitive people—a "How so?"-ing machine.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

An Irishman being asked why he left his country for America, replied, "It wasn't for want; I have plenty of that at home."

The man who kept a record of how often he repeated on drinks, used to call it his "*index re-rum.*—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

The Chicago *Times* is authority for statement that a pair of Indian twins, each fifty years old, wish to pass themselves off for a centenarian.

Pawnbrokers have never been described as the pioneers of progress, although it must be admitted that they are always ready to make an advance.

A Western genius has invented a machine for making artificial foliage. He might call it a patent leave er."—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

What George Elliott calls "warm paleness" is identical with the hues of a man's face who struggles wildly on the edge of an orange peel, and is too pious to swear.

A chicken with every egg now.—*Danbury News.* Is that crow-ing a rooster?—*Whitehall Times* Guess so, for a rooster can crow mo' than a hen.—*Norristown Herald.*

A celebrated poet advertised that he would supply "lines for any occasion." A fisherman sought him soon after, and wanted "a line strong enough to catch a porpoise."

Rhode Island sends to the Centennial a policeman who measured six feet three inches. That comes from living in a small State. Not having room to spread he ran up.

A shipwrecked crew has recently been killed and eaten by cannibals in Australia. It is shocking to think that there still live savages who can nible their own kind.—*New York Graphic.*

Cable despatches announces that the plague has broken out in Bagdad; but, upon careful inquiry, we learn that Sergeant Bates and his flag are still in Philadelphia.—*Norristown Herald.*

The oldest piano in America is on its way to the Centennial to be clawed and pawed and thumped around for the benefit of small boys with tears on the ends of their noses.—*Detroit Free Press.*

The other day a Black Hills stage-driver undertook to horsewhip his passengers into getting out and walking up hill, but the gold-seekers held a coroner's inquest and found that he died of pneumonia.

A Milwaukee man made three unsuccessful attempts to blow his brains out, and then his wife told him: "Don't try it again, John: you hayn't got any." He goes about saying he owes his life to that woman.

Lubbock still insists that bees are not of a sympathetic nature. And yet this gentle insect, with the buff mainsail and red-hot rudder has frequently brought tears of sentiment to our eyes.—*New York Herald.*

A hotel in Kansas has the following notice displayed in the bedrooms: "Gentleman wishing to commit suicide will please take the centre of the room, to avoid staining the bed linen, walls and furniture with blood."

When a brisk breeze is blowing about the coatfalls of pedestrians, it is rarely a man has sufficient nerve to preserve an unconcerned air under the consciousness that a new half sole has lately been put on the seat of his pantaloons." — *Cincinnati Times.*

"Ma, does pa kiss the cat?" "Why, no, my son. What in the name of goodness put that in your head?" "Cos when pa came down stairs this morning he kissed Sarah in the hallway and said, "That's better than kissing the old cat up stairs, ain't it, Sarah?"—*New Orleans Picayune.*

A cool young gent, all of the modern days, entered a menagerie with a cigar in his mouth, when the proprietor politely requested the visitor not to teach other monkeys bad habits. The young man proved himself equal to the occasion by producing his cigar-case and saying, "Try one."

"Mrs. Sage, I should like to know whose ferry-boats those are I tumbled over in the hall?" "Ferry-boats, indeed, sir! Those are my shoes! Very polite to call 'em ferry-boats! "Didn't say ferry-boats, Mrs. Sage, you misunderstand me—fairy-boots, I said, my dear friend."

The second night after her husband died she sat by the window five hours waiting for the cats to begin fighting in the backyard. Said she—"This thing of going to sleep without a quarrel of some kind is so new that I can't stand it! Let me alone till they begin; then I can dose off gently."

"I'm a Philadelphia Alderman," said a stout, pompus little man, as he approached the turnstile on the opening day. "Oh, that's no matter," answered the gate-keeper, "that don't exclude you. Pay your fifty cents, and you can go in just the same as the rest.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

"Ruskin observes that as a rule women have no eye for color. This explain why a woman is obliged to spend three quarters of a day in getting the exact shade of ribbon to trim a dress, while when it comes to mending her husbands pantaloons she seems to think a yellow patch is just the thing to match black broadcloth.—*Norwich Bulletin.*

Lady Holand was rather fond of crowding her dinner table. Once, when the company was already tightly packed, an unexpected guest arrived, and she instantly gave her imperious order to Luttrel—generally most subservant to her ladyship's wishes—"Luttrell, make room." "It must certainly be made, he answered, for it does not exist."

Some old fraud says, "Get up with the sun if you want to be healthy and wise." It is easy enough to follow this advice in the winter, when the sun acts sensibly and doesn't get up until seven o'clock; but when he commences to get up at four o'clock, we have observed that the wisest men give him about two hours start, and let their wives accumulate health and wisdom.—*Norristown Herald.*