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#### FACT AND FANCY.

When a pretty Irish girl is stolen away they suspect some boycott.

If a woman were to change her sex what would she become?—A he-then.

Edgar Allan Poe's house in Richmond, Va., is to be used for a hotel.

Rev. Joseph Cook spent his boyhood on a farm not far from old Fort Ticonderoga, where his father still lives.

Nearly all the post offices in Texas are in charge of females. It works so well that the males now arrive nearly every hour in the day.

The following advertisement appeared in a daily recently and was answered by about 500 young men:—"Wanted, experienced hands on ladies' waists."

At the Iowa state fair forty-four women exhibited quilts for premiums. The Iowa ladies have not altogether forgotten the old-fashioned domestic industries.

Chicago's fair daughters have taken the aesthetic nonsense deeply to heart. One recently inquired for furniture covering—"Sometimes with a distinct individuality—but—rather subdued and—pensive—with a dash of pathos and faint suggestion of insinuating tenderness."

A young lady recently lost her husband, who was about seventy years old. "But how did you happen to marry a man of that age?" asked one of her friends. "Why," said the young widow, "you see I only had the choice between two old men, and of course I took the oldest."

Annie Nittel, of Chicago, the other day accidentally stepped on a parlor match while attending to some household duties, and the flash, unknown to her, ignited her dress. When a blanket was finally wrapped around her and the flames mothered she was entirely devoid of clothing below the waist.

A lady who had quarrelled with her bald-headed lover said, in dismissing him: "What is delightful about you, my friend, is that I have not the trouble of sending you back any locks of your hair." His reply was, had you given me one, you would not have known whose lock you were sending."

A heart-broken mother: "Then you caught your boy stealing, did you?" said a suburban woman to her neighbor over the fence. "Yes, and it most broke my heart."

"What did he steal?" "He stole two big apples from the store. I wouldn't have cared so much if he had taken enough to make a couple of pies."—Boston Globe.

Six years ago ten barrels of oysters were exported to London, and were condemned as unfit for food. The exports to British ports now amount to 2000 barrels weekly. The oysters reach London in better condition and cheaper than they reach Chicago, the constant jolting of cars being more injurious than the steady motion of a steamship.

Shelton and Sullivan's forthcoming opera has been named "The Princess Pearl." The hero is Stephen, the son of a fairy mother and of a father who is only fairy from the waist down. The character and plot are very fat and gross, while a half-chanceful figure as quite ethereal. The men of the chorus are peers in coronets and robes.

Speaking of spiritual consolation and the comforting assurance that the severity of the just shall be blessed, a Chicago clergyman told a story the other day that is worth printing. There was an old lady in

his church who was noted for her eccentricities as well as piety, and while talking with her about her hope of the hereafter he asked—"Mrs. S., did you ever stop to think what will gratify you most in heaven? Oh, yes," she exclaimed, "it will be a cheap place to live in!"

"What a tiresome thing that Mrs. Smith is!" exclaimed Mrs. Brown. "I called there to-day and she ran on so telling me about her new carpet, and her new gown, and her baby's new dress, and her new bonnet, that I didn't get a chance to say a word about my jaw-jacket, or of our parrot favorites, or of Freddy's coming home with the measles, or Sarah Jane's dyspepsia, or Uncle Charlie's rheumatism, or how Bridget, beyond that batch of biscuits, Oh, she's such a tiresome thing!"

The growing scarcity and consequently increasing price of palm oil and ivory are attracting the attention of adventurous traders, and a Belgian company has fitted out a vessel with a large cargo of articles which it is designed to trade for palm oil and ivory through the natives on the west coast of Africa. A party of colonists accompany the expedition, who will erect a house on the coast and endeavor to maintain a Belgian trading station. This is the first enterprise of the kind in Africa from Belgium.

"Ladies, is there any truth in this bit of philosophy?—"With a woman who is either positively pretty or positively ugly the question of looks is settled once and for all, and her mind is settled on the subject, but with one who is about middling there is perpetual and harassing doubt. One day she is raised to heaven by a compliment, and the next she is lowered to hades by something that can be construed as a disparagement. Now she is tolerably well satisfied with herself, again she is somewhat disgusted. All the time she is in uncertainty. She, no doubt, was the woman whom I saw going through a stock of head-glasses. "Still—no he went on after a moment's reflection—there is one plan which you might at last try: I should recommend you to be arrested and rise again on the third day."

Some official statistics have just been issued in France of the suicides that have taken place in fifty years. They show that since 1830 the number of suicides has tripled. In 1830 there were five suicides for every 100,000 inhabitants in 1850, 10, between 1876 and 1880 198 boys and 40 girls below 15 years of age destroyed themselves. Of these 209 were over 12 years of age, 21 were between the ages of 12 and 10, 4 were 10 years old, and 6 were below 9, the youngest being only 7 years old. It appears that by far the great number of suicides takes place in the summer, the proportion per cent being—summer 39, spring 19, autumn 24, and winter 18.

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The woman suffragists, having taken account of stock this fall, find that in twelve states women are permitted to vote on educational matters, while in four constitutional amendments giving them equal voting privileges with men are pending.

Mr. C. E. Higgins, Beamsville, writes: "A customer who tried a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery says it is the best thing he ever used; to quote his own words: 'It just seems to touch the spot affected.' About a year ago he had an attack of bilious fever, and was afraid he was in for another, when I recommended this vegetable medicine with such happy results."

"I declare!" exclaimed Mrs. Tisdale, "I never saw a gal like our Sara Jane. I worked almost two full days on her new bathin' dress, and don't you think, she got it wringin' wet the last time she put it on!"—Boston Transcript.

Maladies multiply one another. A simple fit of indigestion may—especially if the constitution is not naturally vigorous—throw the entire mechanism of the liver and bowels out of gear. Sick headache follows, poisoning of the blood by bile masses, and there is grave and serious disturbance of the entire system. Check the threatened danger at the outset with Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, the medicine that drives every impurity from the blood.

A year ago the Princess of Wales appeared at an entertainment at Buckingham Palace with simple white clover as floral ornaments, and it is needless to say that the clover immediately thereafter came into fashion. Now it is all rage in London.

Rev. J. McLaurin, Canadian Baptist Missionary to India, writes: During our stay in Canada we have used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil with very great satisfaction. We are now returning to India, and would like very much to take some with us for our own use and to give to the diseased heathen.

Mme. G. called at a friend's house on a wet day, and her feet being damp, she said to her friend: "My dear, will you let your maid bring me a pair of your slippers?" "My love," replied her friend—there were several people in the room—"do you think my slippers will fit you?" "Oh, I think so, my darling, if you tell her to put a cork sole inside of them."

To assist nature most effectually in her efforts to throw off or resist serious disease, it is essential that an impulse should be given to functions which growing ill health suspends or weakens, namely, the action of the bowels, bilious secretion and indigestion. Oftentimes, though this is impracticable by the use of ordinary remedies, it proves an easy task when Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure is resorted to.

A silver dollar was sent to the New Orleans mint the other day and pronounced counterfeit. Its weight was slightly in excess of that of the genuine dollar, and it failed before the acid test, but in all outward appearance it was an exact imitation. On a more thorough test being made it was found to be a genuine dollar, which somebody in a sportive mood had heavily nickel-plated.

Messrs. Mitchell & Platt, druggists, London, Ont., write Dec. 1881: "We have sold Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil since its first introduction, and we can safely say no medi-

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