

Say we have strength and beauty, the first is a poor qualification to boast of; since to say the least we are herein equalled by the plodding ox and stupid ass. Besides, our strength is very uncertain and precarious. A few days sickness will cause the strongest to become as helpless as an infant. And as for beauty—after all what is it? a pleasing glare of white and red, reflected by the glossy hue of the lily and daisy of the field. Even in all the blooming pride of beauty, what is the human frame? or what the human face divine? when

Worn by slowly rolling years,
Or broke by sickness in a day;
The fading glory disappears,
The short lived beauty dies away."

When the animated spirit flies, and leaves the lonely tabernacle behind, how soon does horror succeed to admiration. How do we hasten to hide from our sight the loathsome remains of beauty.

There is a sort of contemptible pride,—the pride of finery in dress. By this many young people are carried away to the greatest extravagancies. Never make yourself remarkable by unnecessary ornaments in dress.

WEDDING STORY.

In the Palatinate of Germany, there lived a fine young fellow, an only son of a rich nobleman. He paid his addresses to an only daughter of a gentleman quite as rich as his father. In every particular the young couple seemed a suitable match. When all due arrangements were adjusted between the parties, the young nobleman politely addressed the damsel's father and requested his daughter in marriage. The old gentleman instantly refused, to the no small chagrin of the young man. "But why is this denial? what can induce you to withhold your daughter?" said the young fellow. "I am," said the father, "resolved not to marry my daughter to any man whatever who has no trade." "My fortune is sufficient to support your daughter and myself, and if that is not sufficient, surely your daughter's patrimony will amply supply the lack," replied the suitor. "Our country is liable to be overrun with war, rejoined the nobleman, and property is very insecure. I cannot give my daughter to any but a mechanic.

"How long," says the young man, "will you retain your daughter for me to learn a trade." "As long as you please," replied the father.

The young gentleman apprenticed himself immediately to a basket maker, and in six months returned with perfect specimens of his skill. The nuptials were celebrated. But now is seen the sageness of the old man's advice. A short season only elapsed when war devastated the country: both families failed, and the young man supported in style, both his own and father-in-law's family by his basket making.

THE METEOR.

A shepherd on the silent moor,
Pursued his lone employ,
And by him watch'd at midnight hour,
His lov'd and gentle boy.

The night was still, the sky was clear,
The moon and stars were bright;
And well the youngster lov'd to hear
Of those fair orbs of light.

When lo! an earth-born meteor's glare,
Made stars and planets dim;
In transient splendor through the air
In glory seemed to swim.

No more could stars' or planets' spell
The striplings' eye enchant;
He only urged his sire to tell
Of this new visitant.

But, ere the shepherd found a tongue,
The meteor's gleam was gone;
And in their glory o'er them hung
The orbs of night alone.

Canst thou the simple lesson read
My artless muse hath given?
The only lights that safely lead
Are those that shine from heaven.

One far more bright than sun or star
Is lit in every soul;
To guide, if nothing earthly mar,
To heaven's eternal goal!

SEVERE PENANCE.—Sir George Staunton visited a man in India, who had committed a murder, and, in order not only to save his life, but what was of much more consequence, his *caste*, he submitted to the penalty imposed; this was, that he should sleep for seven years on a bedstead, without any mattress, the whole surface of which was studded with points of iron, resembling nails, but not so sharp as to penetrate the flesh. Sir George saw him in the fifth year of his probation, and his skin was then like the hide of a rhinoceros, but more callous; at that time, however, he could sleep comfortably on his "bed of thorns," and remarked, that at the expiration of the term of his sentence, he should most probably continue that system from choice, which he had been obliged to adopt from necessity.

Comparison of Speed.—A French scientific journal states that the ordinary rate of a man walking, is 4 feet per second; of a good horse in harness 12; of a rein-deer in a sledge on the ice, 26; of an English race horse, 43; of a hare 83; of a good ship, 19; of the wind, 82; of sound, 1,038; of a twenty-four cannon ball, 1,300; of the air which so divided returns into space, 1,300.

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On Sunday morning, Emily, Infant daughter of Captain William T. Galt, aged 8 months.

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