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A gentleman was once looking at the skeleton of a monkey. 'Ah,' said he, 'we are fearfully and wonderfully made.'

'I am monarch of all I survey,' cried the victor in a wrestling match, 'and I am now sitting on the thrown.'

Never does a man believe so strongly in the attraction of gravitation as when he sits down in a chair and finds it gone.

'You must be a quarrelsome fellow,' said a phrenologist to a man whose bump he was examining. 'Say that again and I'll knock you down,' was the response.

A new religious sect has arisen in England which worships mother Eve. The daughters of Eve are worshipped by all sects.

'Fortune knocks at every man's door once in a life,' but in a good many cases the man is in a neighboring saloon and does not hear him.

A little girl being asked by her grandfather where cotton grew, replied, with the greatest simplicity, 'In old gentlemen's ears.'

'You are the most stuck-up chap I ever saw,' remarked a young lady to a youth whom she met at a taffy pull. To which he retorted: 'And you are just as sweet as you are candied.' Another leap yeap year horror!

That was a frank reply to a friend's intimation of his approaching marriage: 'I should make my compliments to both of you; but as I don't know the lady, I can't felicitate you, and I know you so well that I can't felicitate her.'

'What is that—is it a circus acrobat?' 'O, no, my son, that is a man who is kicking himself.' 'What makes the man kick himself?' 'He has been to a masquerade party and flirted with his wife all the evening.'

Recently, when a handsome young woman went to a shop to get one of those wooden contrivances that are used for mashing potatoes, and said, 'I want a masher,' every man in the shop from the cashier to the manager, started to wait on her.

The Amsterdam *Democrat* says one of its reporters had the fortune to hear a skilled vocalist render 'Wait till the Clouds Roll By.' She wailed—

'Wah tah the claw raw bay Jawy,
Wah tah the claw raw baw,
Jawy, may aw traw law wah,
Wah tah the claw raw baw.'

Marriage in Lapland.

"No man should ask a girl to marry him," says an old saw, "unless he can support her in the position to which she has been accustomed." In opposition to this theory we contend that no young couple should think of marriage who do not truly love each other, and are not willing to face poverty, if need be, with each other and make a social position for themselves. The right to all the luxuries of life should be earned, and then they will be appreciated. In support of this statement and in opposition to these marriages of convenience—mere commercial bargains—we will instance Lapland, where they go to the opposite extreme, and such a bargain is never thought of or known.

A Lapland courtship is rather a pleasant conception, and one under which the rights of all are well preserved. A young lady is not forced to look a suitor in the face, as in our own country, and tell him she does not love him; nor is she forced to give her reasons for refusing. Nothing of the kind. The parents of the damsel, when her hand has been asked in marriage by one whom they are willing to accept, say to one another. "Now, see. If our daughter will have this man, we will accept him for a son. Let the case be decided, even as it was decided when Lulea of the Glen turned in her flight, and bowed the head to Lapp-Alten."

Accordingly information is given to the damsel that a suitor has applied for her hand. Probably she is well aware of the fact and knows the young man; while it may possibly be that she has never seen him. However, on a day appointed, the damsel and her parents with their chief friends, together with the suitor and his friends, come together and sit at meat, the suitor and the object of his desires being placed opposite to one another, so that they can converse freely, and each view the other's face.

When the feast is concluded the company repair to an opan space, where the "race for a wife" is to be run. The distance is about two English furlongs—or a quarter of a mile—and the girl is let out in advance of the starting-point about the third of the whole distance, so that if she be at all fleet of foot, and so desires, she can easily avoid the suitor; for, if he do not overtake her before she reaches the end of the race she is free, and he may never trouble her again.

In this way, It may be seen, a modest maiden is spared all perplexity, or possible shame of refusal. If she does not wish the young man for a husband, she has but to keep her back to him, and make for the goal, which she is sure to reach if she wishes; while, on the other hand, if the suitor has pleased her, and she will have him, she has only to lag in her flight, and allow him to overtake her; and, if she be particularly struck—if she would signify to the lover that his love is returned—she can run a short distance, then stop and turn, and invite him with open arms.

The Lapps are not a moral people, nor excessively honest, but their marriage relations are, as a rule, happy and peaceful.—[The Christian.

Words of Wisdom.

Better three hours too soon than one minute too late.

Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow.—Spanish maxim.

Perfect valor consists in doing without witnesses all we should be capable of doing before the world.—Rochefoucault.

He who cares only for himself in youth will be very niggard in manhood, and a wretched miser in old age.

Constant activity in endeavoring to make others happy is one of the surest ways of making ourselves so. Sir P. Sidney.

"Improve your opportunities," said Bonaparte to a school of young men; "every hour lost now is a chance of future misfortune."

Witty sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping off a broken string; but a word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain. It is a seed which even when dropped by chance, springs up into a flower.

Try to be happy in this very present moment; and put not off being so to a time to come, as though that time should be of another make from this, which is already come, and is ours.

There is no policy like politeness, and a good manner is the best thing in the world, either to get a good name, or supply the want of it.

Loud talk is often mistaken for argument, and de man what drowns de voices ob uddet men is mighty often thought hab gained de fight.

The expectation of future happiness is the best relief for anxious thoughts, the most perfect cure of melancholy, the guide of life, and the comfort of death.

Every one must know and feel that bad thoughts quickly ripen into bad actions, and that if the latter only are forbidden and the former left free, all morality will soon be at an end.

Pitiful that a man should so care for riches, as if they were his own; yet so use them, as if they were another's; that when he might be happy in spending them, he will be miserable in keeping them; and had rather, dying, leave wealth with his enemies, than, being alive, relieve his friends.

COLD SNAPS.

Some Extraordinary Freezing Spells of Past Times.

It is a bit of coincidence, says the Cleveland *Herald*, that the comet upon which Napoleon's soldiers gazed seventy years ago, when they were making that dreadful march from Moscow, which resulted in the death from cold and exposure of 400,000 men, should be accompanied on its reappearance with a bitter cold spell of weather. When it swept out of sight the world witnessed an unusually severe winter. The incident, as well as the present cold snap, recalls other severe winters. In October, 763, and February, 764, the denizens of the mosques and minarets were astonished by a cold spell of weather, and the two seas of Constantinople were frozen over for twenty days. In 1023 the Thames was frozen over for fourteen weeks. In 1407 the cold was so intense in England that all the small birds perished, and in 1433 the large fowl of the air were driven by the terrible cold into the towns and cities of Germany.

In 1468 the winter was so severe in Flanders that the wine distributed was cut with hatchets.

The year 1658 was noted for cold weather in England. Thousands of forest and shade trees were split by frost, birds and stock perished, a line of stages ran on the Thames for several weeks, and shops were built on the ice in the middle of the Thames.

In 1691 the wolves were driven by the cold into Vienna, where they attacked men and cattle on the streets.

With respect to America, some of the remarkable cold spells are as follows:—In 1730, and again in 1821, New York harbor was frozen over so that teams were driven accross the ice to Staten Island. The neighboring state of Indiana saw weather cold enough to congeal the mercury in 1855.

The winter of 1881 was made memorable by cold weather. On the 13th and 26th days of January many deaths occurred from the intense cold, and the residents, of Mobile Alabaama, saw the thermometer sink to zero.

A record of cold sieges would be imperfect without a mention of the terrible sudden storm that swept over the country in 1863, which has gone into history as the cold New Year's. A drayman was frozen to death in Cincinnati while driving along the street. A man climbing a fence in Minnesota froze to death, and toppled over into the snow. The loss of human and animal lives in all parts of the country was immense.

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'To be sure I have,' replied Bella, laying down her bundle she had brought in with her.

'De you mean to say you have proposed to some one?' exclaimed the affrighted Clarissa.

'That's what I mean to say.'

'To whom?'

'To papa.'

'Oh!' and then the blonde Clarissa breathed freely once more. 'How did you propose to him?'

'I proposed that he should give me a new black silk suit.'

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'Rejected?'

'You don't say!'

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