

The Poet's Corner.

The Earthen Vessel.
The Master stood in his garden,
Among the lilies fair,
Which his own right hand had planted,
And trained with tender care.

Fashions' Fancies.

Plush is now very much used with everything to combine with other materials for costumes, and even for pelisses and demi-pelisses, as well as for Watteau garments, fringed with chenille.
There is, unfortunately, no happy medium in the fashion fan. It is either extremely large or extremely small.

CONKLING AND MACE.

The story of their Alleged Bout with the Gloves.

The Detroit News of Nov. 13, 1874, contained the following account of the Mace-Conkling bout at boxing, which is now denied.

Chandler's great hobby is his skill as a pugilist. Roscoe Conkling is also a great boxer. He has a private gymnasium in his residence at Washington, where after dinner he invites such of his friends as are gymnastically inclined for a friendly little bout with the gloves.

One day last winter Chandler dined with Conkling, and the latter inveigled the great war senator into the private gymnasium. The gloves were donned and the two doughty champions began to make graceful senatorial passes toward one another, according to the most approved rules of the P. R. The bout, however, was of a very short duration.

Chandler sent back word that he regretted very much his inability to be present, but he had at his house as guest a valued constituent from Michigan, and could not leave him.

Conkling and Chandler were much together in a social way, and it was not long after the above occurrence when Chandler received another invitation to come up to his house and spread his legs under Conkling's social board.

Chandler took all these remarks in an absentminded way, as if, suddenly, he had been no lifted above any such petty ambition of considering himself a fine athlete.

After dinner, Conkling led his guests into the gymnasium for a general snook and chat. "Come," said he, pleasantly, to Chandler, "don't you want another bout with the gloves?" and then Conkling laughed again in his most cheerful, turkey-gobbler style, as he put on a pair of gloves.

"No, I don't want to box," said Chandler; "but perhaps, my friend would consent to amuse you." Turning to Mr. Howard, Chandler remarked, "You box don't you?"

Mr. Howard still looked sad eyed, and absent-minded. He did once know something about it, but it was such a long time ago.

"Come, come," said Conkling, "let us have a friendly bout; I won't hurt you." Evidently the great New York senator was pining to knock some one down.

The sad-eyed Mr. Howard, evidently flattered at the prospect of being knocked down by so distinguished a man, began slowly to put on a pair of gloves. As he was drawing on the gloves Chandler was observed to walk down a little to the back-ground. A contented look was upon his face, and now and then he raised his huge right foot up under his swaying voluminous coat-tail, and gave himself a congratulatory kick, expressive of rapture.

The sad-eyed man now came forward, and the round began. Conkling was for proceeding at once to knock his opponent down, and would have done so had he not found great difficulty in getting anywhere near the sad-eyed man.

The affair culminated in the sad-eyed man's suddenly rushing forward and landing a thunder-bolt of a fist between Conkling's eyes. The senator went over like a great tree, and rolled into the corner of the room, where he lay for a moment stunned by the concussion. He was heard to say afterward that that he a house had fallen on him. Conkling had enough of boxing for once.

Chandler made several pleasant little remarks about the skill of his friend Conkling, which were not received in the most cheerful manner. Judge of Conkling's feelings the next day when he heard that Chandler had played a joke upon him by giving Mr. Howard \$100 to come up and bounce Conkling.

Fortunes for Farmers and Mechanics.
Thousands of dollars can be saved by using proper judgment in taking care of the health of yourself and family. If you are Bilious, have sallow complexion, poor appetite, low and depressed spirits, and generally debilitated, do not delay a moment, but go at once and procure a bottle of those wonderful Electric Bitters, which never fail to cure, and that for the trifling sum of fifty cents.—[Tribune.—Sold by Jas. Wilson.]

Canadian Courtesy.
Mr. W. J. Chamberlain, of Columbus, Ohio, has communicated to the Country Gentleman his impression of a visit to Canada. He candidly admits that he did not find the people of this country so slow as he was led to expect.

Be Independent.
There is nothing in the wide world that ensures success so completely as perfect independence.
People who are always waiting for help may wait a long time, as a general thing.

A little assistance, a little influence, is not to be had for asking; but there is always something one can do for oneself. Do it, whatever it is, with a will. One thing leads to another. If a young lady, don't sit still, and hope a rich man will marry you, while your aged father toils for your daily bread.

Two hands, two feet, sight and strength—these ought to enable you to dispense with help when you are young and vigorous. Men who can defy adverse circumstances, and can earn a living in any quarter of the world in which they are dropped down; who can roll up their sleeves, and set to work at almost anything that offers; and who can even sew on their own buttons, and make themselves a cup of tea when deprived of the help of woman kind, are the ones who are really independent.

The most helpful women are kindest and truest; and as for a man, never trust him in any capacity if he has not within him the true spirit of independence, without which neither strength nor sweetness may be hoped for. In the battle of life there is but one way to succeed—fight it out yourself. Give the helping hand when you may. Take it if, in some sore strait, it is offered freely; but never ask for it. Be independent as far as man may be if you would honor yourself, or be honored by others, or be happy.

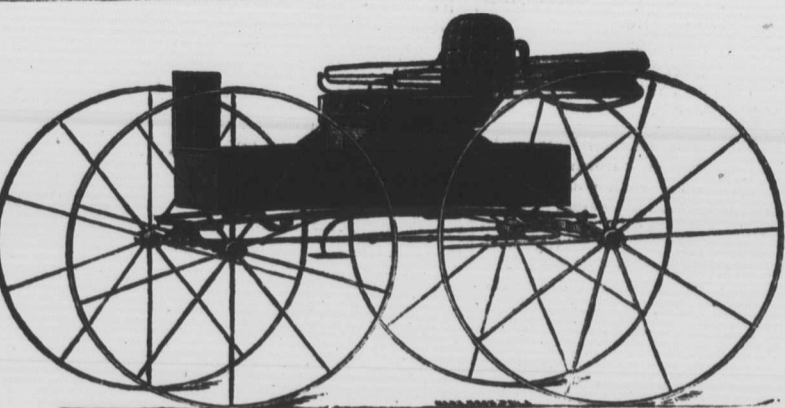
A well-known criminal lawyer, who prides himself upon his skill in cross-examining a witness, had an odd-looking genius upon whom to operate. The witness was a master shoemaker.
"You say, sir, that the prisoner is a thief?"
"Yes, sir; cause why, she confessed it."
"And you also swear that she bought shoes for you subsequent to the confession?"
"I do, sir."
"Then [giving a sagacious look to the court] we are to understand that you employ dishonest people to work for you, even after their rascalities are known?"
"Of course, or how else could I get assistance from a lawyer."

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