

THE LADY AND THE BEAR.

A damsel reared in modern ways,
Demure and delicate air,
While wandering in the wicked woods,
Did meet a burly bear.

The beast, to bring her by her death,
Did hug the damsel fair
With frightful force and fury wrought,
The effort killed the bear.

—Columbia News.

LOVE'S TOKEN.

The frost and snow and mistletoe,
The warmth of holly berry,
These I combine, O holy mine,
To make thy yule ride merry.
And shouldst thou learn sweet, to return
My love, nor deem it folly,
Twined in thy hair the snow fruit wear,
And on thy breast the holly.

Vassar Miscellany

THE GIRL AT THE GAME.

Gaze on the boy with the ball, paw,
Yes, his nose is knocked askew;
But he's not passe in the chappy way,
And he's got some fire for two.

Yes, his ear is bloody, his head is bunged,
And his eye is gouged, I know,
But he's brawny-backed and leather-
lunged
And he has a mine of go.

Watch him buck the line, now, paw!
His elbows are busted and sore;
But he's got a tackle that can't be matched
By that kin with the coach and four.

He's lost two teeth, and he hasn't a part
In the mop he calls his hair;
But you bet he can hold a girl to his heart
With a hug like a grizzly bear

—Ex.

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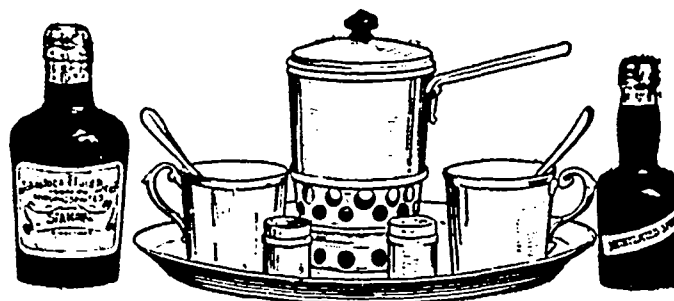
Out west where'er they go by stage,
Highwaymen have sprung up
Whose credit strange to say is good,
They always can get "hung up."

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