

THE LADIES' JOURNAL.

The Courtin'.

God makes sech nights, all white an' still
Furz' you can look or listen,
Moonshine an' snow on field an' hill,
All silence an' all glisten.

Zekie crep' up quite unbeknown
An' peeked in thru' the winder,
An' there sot Huld' all alone,
'Tth no one nigh to hender.

A fireplace filled the room's one side
With half a cord o' wood in—
There warn't no stoves, tell comfort
died
To bake ye to a puddin'.

The wa'nut logs shot sparkles out
Towards the pootiest, bless her,
An' leetle flames danced all about
The chiny on the dresser.

Agin the chimbley crook-necks hung,
An' in amongst 'em rusted
The ole queen's arm that gran'ther
Young
Fetched back from Concord busted.

The very room, coz she was in,
Seemed warm from floor to ceilin',
An' she looked full ez rosy agin
Ez the apples she was peelin'.

'T was kin' o' kingdom-come to look
On sech a blessed creetur,
A dogrose blushin' to a brook
Ain't modester nor sweeter.

He was six foot o' man, A 1,
Clean grit an' human natur';
None could n't quicker pitch a ton
Nor dror, a furrer straighter.

He'd sparked it with full twenty
gals.,
Had squired 'em, danced 'em, druv
'em,
Fust this one, an' then that, by spells—
All is, he could n't love 'em.

But long o' her his veins 'ould run
All crinkly like curled maple,
The slide she breshed felt full o' sun,
Ez a south slope in Ap'il.

She thought, no v'ice hed sech a swing
Ez his in the choir;
Myl when he made Ole Hundred ring,
She knowed the Lord was nigher.

An' she'd blush scarlit, right in prayer,
When her, new meetin'-bunnet
Felt somehow, thru' its crown a pair
O' blue eyes not upon it.
That night, I tell ye, she looked some!
She seemed to 've gut a new soul,
For she felt sartin-sure he'd come,
Down to her very shoe-sole.

She heered a foot, an' knowed it tu,
A-raspin' on the scraper,—
All ways to once her feelin' flew,
Like sparks in burnt-up paper.

He kin' o' l'itred on the mat,
Some doubtle o' the sekle,
His heart kep' goin' pity-pat,
But hern went pity Zekie.

An' yit she gin her cheer a jerk
Ez though she wished him fuder,
An' on her apples kep' to work,
Parin' away like murder.

"You want to see my pa, is'pose?"
"Wal—no—I come designin'"
"To see my ma! Shee sprinklin
clo'es,
Agin to-morrow's i'nin'."

To say why gals acts so or so,
Or don't 'ould be presumin';
Mebby to mean yes an' say no
Comes natural to women.

He stood a spell on one foot fust,
Then stood a spell on t' other.
An' on which one he felt the wust
He couldn't ha' told ye nuther.

Says he, "I'd better call agin;"
Says she, "Think likely, Mister;"
That last word pricked him like a pin,
An'—Wal, he sap an' kist her.

When ma bimeby upon 'em ships,
Huld' sot pale ez ashes,
All kin' o' smily 'roun' the lips
An' teary 'roun' the lashes.

For she was jes' the quiet kind
Whose natures never vary;
Like streams that keep a summer mind
Snowhid in Jenocary.

The blood, clost roun' her heart felt
glued
Too tight for all expressin',
Tell mother see how matters stood,
An' gin 'em both her blessin'.

Then her red come back like the tide
Down to the Bay o' Fundy,
An' all I know is they was cried
In meetin' come nex' Sunday.

—James Russell Lowell.

Bits of Femininity.

The scarab, in turquoise blue, is the
all-important fetich of the moment.

The princess petticoat, for both
street and evening wear, is a feature
of modish lingerie.

Worth is using a deal of net and
tulle with satin in his gowns.

There is a return to the ostrich fea-
ther in millinery.

Black taffeta stitched in white, is
much worn for afternoon frocks.

Plaitings of tulle, on which chen-
ille is sewn like a cord, form one of
the popular hat trimmings.

Draped taffeta toques, with a "chou"
of velvet, are the ultra smart mode.

The black velvet skirt has sup-
planted all others for wear with the
independent bodices.

Tulle and lace straw held first place
in the hats of spring.

Russian lace; coarse and heavy as
it is, turns out to be one of the latest
cries for gowns ceremoniously built.

Smart fans have their sticks studded
with jewels.

White veiling, trimmed with yellow
lace, is to be a very fashionable com-
bination.

Little braids in all colors that simu-
late hemstitching, are being imported
to outline the seams of new gowns.

The gown and hat of 1840 seem to be
the effect that fashion is aiming at.

Courtship season in Holland.

The Dutch are nothing if not prac-
tical. No matter how prosaic other
nations may be in the matters of every
day life, when it comes to courtship
and marriage they love to throw a
halo of romance about their lovemak-
ing. Not so, however, with the
Dutchman. Because he has made up
his mind to take a wife seems no rea-
son on earth to him why he should
even for a moment depart from the
placid equilibrium of his every day
jog trot existence.

The four Sundays of November are
observed as fete days in Holland. The
month of November is known as the
"courtship season." The Sundays
are known by the following expressive-
ly curious names:—Review, decision,
purchase and possession. All refer to
matrimonial affairs.

On "Review Sunday" all the youths
and maidens don their very best "Sun-
day go to meeting" clothes, their
swellest bibs and tuckers. After
service a great dress parade and
solemn review is held in the principal
promenade of each town and village,
during which each one tries to show
off to the best advantage his or her
best points and attractions. They
promenade slowly up and down, the
youths on one side, the maidens on the

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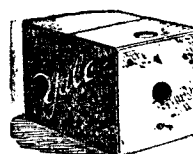
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other, and gaze long and intently, but never speak to each other.

The next Sunday is called "Decision Sunday," and this is considered the most important of all, as on this occasion each bachelor desirous of becoming a benedict approaches the maiden of his choice, she who the previous Sunday had seemed to him the best adapted of her sex to his special needs and requirements.

With a ceremonious bow he begins a conversation, and during its progress the maiden shyly finds occasion to intimate to him whether his advances are acceptable or otherwise. Should she give him to understand that he finds favor in her sight he calls on her assiduously all through the following week.

On the next, which is "Purchase Sunday," the eager swain approaches the father of the girl of his choice, and if his consent is obtained all the wedding preliminaries are then amicably arranged and the date set for the tying of the knot.

Finally comes the last Sunday in November, known as "Possession Sunday." On this happy and auspicious date the successful lovers proudly announce their engagement.

What One Woman Thinks.

No friends are better than make-believe friends.

The best blessing a child can have is a good mother.

A man must think a great deal of his wife to go with her to pick out a new spring bonnet.

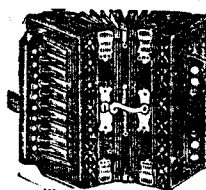
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Some people look at their own faults

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