

For the Chronicles and Curiosities.
THE OLD MAIDEN.

There are cases in number come under notice,
By circulating which we might transgress,
And certain doings my pen exposes,
Which may enrage the old maiden class.

There are some of those I wish to treat on,
Who've miss'd their mark and are now
thirty-five—

Their form is failing, their calves all ailing,
And by many quite despised.

With color sallow, one smells like tailow,
Her face is lean and her visage cold,
She thinks in mis'ry she's down'd to allow,
So naught can save her—she's getting old.

Well, I'll endeavor to find a saviour—
Vermillion's useful when appl'd with care;
I can't endure it to starve for ever—
I'll have a husband—I don't care where.

But I'd forgotten, my teeth are rotten;—
But now we've Dentist's every where,
And teeth they have of the dead forgotten,
Without objection to me they'd spare;—

Or those dissectors—the malefactors—
Have teeth in dozens they'll never use;
Were they acquainted how I'm tormented,
A pair of dozens they'd not refuse.

Well, now the dentist's got them placed,
And screw'd them tight to either jaw;
For steady eating I'm now completed,
And don't regard the world one straw.

But still to laugh I feel rather timid,
For fear the vulgar might understand,
And see my mouth completely filled
With teeth belonging to some other one.

Those plaguy bustles, 'they're out o' fashion;
Well, let them go, it's just as well,
For scores of times I've been in a passion,
When out a-walking by chance I fell.

The spreading hoops being now the fashion,
The bustle mania far excell,
Tho' sometimes cramp'd in narrow lanes
By ill-bred coxcomb or august swell.

Without the thorn there grows no rose,
But we of course those thorns should hide;
Our slender waists the hoops expose,
And every lady in this doth pride.

[Here our correspondent must remain satisfied
with the publishing of the above choice
fragment—the suppressed stanzas are out
of place.—T.B.]

ANECDOTE.—A gentleman of the bar,
in a neighboring county in easy circum-
stances and pretty good practice, had
rendered himself somewhat remarkable
by his attempts in the way of matrimonial
speculation. A maiden, rather advanced
in years, residing some miles distant,
hearing of this lawyer's speculating pro-
pensity—that his character was unexcep-
tionable, and his life tolerably good, re-
solved upon making him her husband.
She hit upon the following expedient;
She pretended suddenly to be taken very
ill, and sent for the man of the law to
draw her will. He attended. By her
will she devised £10,000, in bank stock,
to be divided among her three cousins,
some thousands in bonds and notes, to
a niece—and a vast land estate to a
favorite nephew. The will being finish-
ed, she gave the lawyer a very liberal
fee, and enjoined secrecy upon him for
some pretended purpose—thus preclud-
ing him from an enquiry into her real
circumstances. Need I mention the res-
ult? In a fortnight the lady thought
proper to be restored to health. The
lawyer called to congratulate her on her
restoration—begged permission to visit

her which was granted. After a small
courtship, the desired offer was made.
The bargain was concluded and ratified.
The lawyer's whole estate, by his wife,
consists of an annuity of *sixty five*
shillings!

THE wives along the Mississippi never
blow up their husbands. They leave it
all to the steamboats, which are sure to
do it sooner or later.

"JOHN," said a cockney solicitor to
his son, "I see you'll never do for an
attorney, you have no *henergy*." "Skuse
me, father," replied John, "what I want
is some of your *chickenary*."

WHAT A WIFE SHOULD BE.—Burns,
the poet, in one of his letters, sets forth
the following as the true qualifications of
a good wife: "The scale of good wife-
ship I divide into ten parts: Good na-
ture, four; good sense, two; wit, one;
personal charms, viz: a sweet face, elo-
quent eyes, fine limbs, graceful carriage,
(I would add a fine waist, too, but that
is soon spoilt, you know,) all these, one;
as for the other qualities belonging to,
or attending on, a wife, such as fortune,
connections, education (I mean education
extraordinary,) family blood, &c., divide
the two remaining degrees among them
as you please, only remember, that all
these minor proportions must be express-
ed by *fractions*, for there is not any one
of them in the aforesaid scale entitled to
the dignity of an integer."

EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYED.—Em-
ployers ought in their business relations,
to be on perfect equality; and, to allow
this, there must be a perfect freedom
of engagement on each side. Artificial
restrictions upon either party must in
the end work serious injury if not abso-
lute ruin. The great price regulating
law of supply and demand operates with
just as much force in the labour market
as in any other. A combination can no
more guarantee an insure a fixed com-
pensation to labor, than it can a fixed
profit to capitalists. Trade is unavoid-
ably subject to frequent fluctuations. If
it is vigorous and pressing, manufactures
must expand, and extra work must be
done; if it languishes manufactures must
be contracted and hands be discharged.

A gentleman who had a suit in chan-
cery was called upon by his counsel to
put in his answer for fear of incurring con-
tempt. "And why," said the gentle-
man, "is not my answer put in?"
"How should I draw your answer,"
cried the lawyer, "till I know what you
can swear?"

"Plague on your scruples," replied
the client, "just do your part as a lawyer,
and draw a sufficient answer, and let me
alone to do the part of a gentleman, and
swear to it."

An old toper chancing to drink a glass
of water, the other day, for want of some-
thing stronger, smacked his lips, and
turning to one of his companions, remark-
ed—

"Why, it don't taste badly; I have no
doubt 'tis wholesome for females and
tender children."

HAMILTON POLICE.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.

Archibald Henderson Livingston and Wm.
Weston were charged by J. S. Garrett, Esq.,
with violently assaulting him, on James'
Street, on Tuesday evening.

Complainant stated that he was standing
opposite the hall-door of the Post Office,
speaking to two ladies who were going into
Mr. Ritchie's, when the prisoner Livingston
jumped on his back and struck him on the
side of the head. He (complainant) then
turned round and struck the prisoner, who
returned the blow. He then got the pri-
soner down, and while holding him there
some one from behind struck him on the
head and face.

John Carruthers, Chief of Police, deposed—
About ten minutes to six o'clock yesterday
afternoon I was passing the Post Office, when
three men pushed against me as if they were
"larking." The prisoner Weston is one of
them. I then saw the prisoner Livingston
striking violently at Mr. Garret, who was de-
fending himself, and succeeded in putting
his assailant on his back in the gateway
leading to Mr. Ritchie's hall-door. The three
men who pushed me at the door of the Post
Office then rushed up, and while I was en-
deavoring to keep them off, Weston rushed
on to Mr. Garret and struck him about the
head. I got Mr. Garret up, and arrested
Livingston, who was very violent. Mr. Hall
assisted me to put him into a cab; we also
got Weston into the same cab, and Mr. Hall
accompanied me to the cells with the prison-
ers. Livingston was drunk, and Weston
slightly under the influence of liquor.

The Magistrate commented in strong terms
on the gross misconduct of the prisoners, and
fined them \$20 each.

THURSDAY, Feb 24, 1859.

William Atkinson, charged by Constable
Monahan with being drunk on the street.—
Admonished and discharged.

Timothy Dinaby, charged by John Hall
with assaulting him by violently pushing him
—case adjourned.

Catharine Fitzgerald, charged by Mary
Ann Hall with assaulting her—case adjourn-
ed for further evidence.

William Walster, a Butcher, charged by
Constable Bible with buying Beef in the
market before 12 o'clock, contrary to the
By-law. Fined \$1.

John Ringle, charged by Joseph Faulkner
with a trespass, by going into his stable and
taking away his mare and working her in a
waggon. Fined \$2.

James Johnston, a smart, intelligent look-
ing boy, about 14 years of age, was charged
with having on the night of the 18th inst.,
been guilty of disorderly conduct at the
McNab Street Methodist Church, and annoy-
ing the congregation. He was severely
reprimanded, and his father promised to at-
tend to him in future.

FRIDAY, Feb. 25.

David Wilson was charged by his wife,
Ellen Wilson, with assaulting her. Sergeant
West also stated that when the prisoner was
arrested he kicked him violently on the leg.
Fined \$6.

Catharine Fitzgerald was charged by
Mary Ann Hall, with assaulting her. Both
are females of the most abandoned habits,
and the spectators in the Court had a rare
specimen of the Billingsgate made use of by
such characters. Defendant was fined \$2.

Timothy Dinabay was charged by John
Hall with assaulting him. Complainant
withdrew the charge, defendant paying \$1
costs.

John Calligan was charged by the Clerk
of the Market with a violation of By-law 127
on Markets. Case adjourned for further par-
ticulars.

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