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A Metrical Medley.

A ROMANCE OF THE ROAD. A beginner rode out on a bi-cycle, Met a lady who stared like an icicle: He dropped to the ground, This sensitive youth on the bi-cycle -Providence Journal.

A UNIVERSAL BIOGRAPHY. At ten, a child; at twenty, wild; At thirty, strong, if ever; At forty wise; at flity, rich; At sixty, good, or n

TO LATE! TOO LATE! He told her that he loved her, In tones so soft and mellow; But she said she couldn't marry him, For she'd asked another tellow.

A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT. They stood all alone and 'twas late, And deep shadows were cast, by the gate, When her very bad brother, the scamp, Climbed the post and lighted the lamp, And the meeting adjourned without dat

SOME WONDERS OF NATURE. "I've seen the cats kill mountains
And beheld a garden walk; But I'll admit I was surprised When told of the bean stalk."

ENTIRELY SEASONABLE. I'll winter night fair Isabel; I'll spring upon my knees and tell

And that she autumn marry me - Oil City Derrick. A YOUNG OFFICIAL. ous judge came late to court One day in busy season;

No girl is hand summer than she,

Whereat his clerk, in great surprise, Inquired of him the reason. 'A child was born," his honor said,

And I'm the happy sice." "An infant judge ?" Oh, no," said he, " As yet he's but a crier."

### A LEAP-YEAR PROPOSAL.

"It's a very pleasant parish," said the Rev. Mr. Racquet, "and very pleasant people. The elder ladies are steady consistent workers; the younger, active and enthusiastic. I don't think, if I had possessed the privilege of selecting for myself, I could have found a more de

lightful position."
Mr. Roderic Racquet was twenty-six. with a straight nose, pleasant blue eyes, and a general talent for being satisfied with everything and everybody. He was located in his first parish, a pictur esque little knot of houses, overhanging a brisk cataract, which made work for mills and factories, and filled all the adjacent woods with its noisy n elody; and so far he was one of those exceptions in life, a perfectly satisfied man.
"Ah!" said his friend, Mr. Alton, who

was a misanthrope. "The ladies, ch?"
"Yes," said Mr. Racquet, quietly:
"for, of course, you know that much

"And this is-leap-year."

"Nonsense!" cried the parson, hriskly. "I hope you may find it nonsense," said Mr. Alton, pursing up his lips; but I am told that there are a good many single ladies this year who are driven desperate by the prospect of spinsterhood-"

'Nonsense!" again exclaimed Mr. Racquet. "My dear Alton, this is a little too much of a burlesque. You don't seriously believe in this-this ab- tion

ears.

"If there should be any foundation for Alton's absurd idea!" he pendered, with his pen suspended above the partially-written sheet. "But, of course, there can't be; but if such a possibility did exist—and a married man is really a better member of society than a single."

And all the while little Rosa Apple-

The Rev. Roderic moved forward a own part.

If they had been living in the Palace

of Truth now, and Rosa could have seen into the deeps of his heart!

And Miss Appleton sat down, pulling directly in front of her. She started nervously at the fingers of her brown

thread gloves. "It's about our Lucilla," said she. Indeed?" said Mr. Racquet.

We want to get her well settled in ,"said Rosa, appealingly. But I thought she was teaching!"

cried Mr. Racquet.
"She doesn't like teaching," confessed Rosa; "or rather, to be candid with one eye; and the children make fun of her, and the trustees say she has no dig-

nity."
"Very unfortunate," said Mr. Rac quet, bending a transparent pearl paper-cutter back and forth, with the sublime indifference which we are apt to display toward the tribulations of others. there was anything I could do-

"O.s, but there is !" said Rosa.
"Eh " ejaculated Reverend Roderic "She thinks, and mamma thinks-"

"That she might come here," said Rosa, with her blue eyes fixed full on the young clergyman's face. Click ! click ! and the two pieces of

the severed paper-cutter flew into opposite corners of the room.
"Here?" cried Mr. Racquet—"to the

"Yes," innocently assented Rosa. She isn't pretty to look at, to be sure, but as you yourself said, in your address to the Sunday-school children, last week, beauty is a mere nothing and you'd find her very useful and ac-

' Indeed!" said Mr. Racquet, frigidly. "She has been highly educated," went on Rosa, gaining confidence as sho talked; "but at the same time she would not despise descending to menial duties for the sake of one she loves and knows as she does you. And so, Mr. Racquet, she wants to know if you'll have her."

A cold perspiration broke out around the Reverend Roderic's mouth. He drew back his chair with an instinctive movement of self-defense. Leap-year, was upon him, in very truth and fact. Alton was right, and he should be

irrevocable.

And hurriedly gathering his papers, he caught his pen and feigned great assiduity once more.

"I see you are busy," said Rosa, softly, after an instant or two of hesita-

"Yes," said Mr. Racquet, "I am-Mr. Alton only shook his head, as he rather busy."

Then perhaps I had better bid you then perhaps I had better bid you

Mr. Alton only shook his head, as he rose and reachea for his hat.

"I'll get my book, Racquet," said he, as he looked lugubriously around the room, "and go out for a stroll in these delicious pine seemed woods. My doctor says that pine-say is very healing for lungs that are consumptively inclined."

"Very well," said the Rev. Mr. Racquet, "said Mr. Racquet, "I am—rather busy."
"Good morning," said Rosa.

"Good morning, "said the elegyman, with his eyes glued to the paper.

But when Rosa had gone out, carrying her basket of red-cheeked fruit, the young man sprang up, and stood in the middle of the room, smiting his forehead.

"What!" he cried, after the fashion of the soliloquizing heroes of the stage, "marry that wrinkled, elderly, one eyed—hag! Against my will, just because she wants some one to provide for her, and it is leap-year! Not if J know it! And worst and cruellest of all, to think that Rosa herself should come to propose it!"

propose it!" Just then, Rosa's voice, soft and plaintive, talking to the old housekeeper, in the kitchen below, chimed upon his ear. Involuntarily he listened.

And all the while little Rosa Appetor's cherry cheeks and tangled yellow tain the situation of housekeeper. She's be made more productive, acre for acre, wisp, before the horizon of his mind's wisp, before the horizon of his mind's know, that it would be the very place know, that it would be the very place the horizon of his mind's know, that it would be the very place than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which could be made more producity, acre for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which could be made more producity acre for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which could be made more producity acre for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which could be made more producity acre for acre, the could be made more producity acre for acre, and the situation of housekeeper. She's be made more producity acre for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which could be made more producity acre for acre, and the situation of housekeeper. She's be made more producity acre for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing regions which is a constant to the could be made more producity acre for acre, and the could be made more producing regions which could be made more producing regions whi

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"I don't know," said Rosa. "But he -New York Express.

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than to marry—"

"Rosa Appleton, sir, if you please."

And, oh, Mrs. Megson, please do give It was a timid little voice that broke in upon the thread of his reflections; and Rosa herself stood before him, coloring all over, like a pink carnation, without wages for the first month, for coloring all over, like a pink carnation, with a basket of late peacl es in her hand. the sake of learning the household wavs,

and white, fluttering ribbons in her hat, "I've called on business, sir," said But Roderic Racquet heard no more. Scattering the sermon-sheets right and left, he seized his hat and rushed down air.
"Pray be seated, Miss Appleton," said walk, which led out to an angle in the te, not without some confusion on his wall, which commanded the highroad by which Rosa Appleton must return to her own home; and when the light

> like a frightened fawn. "Rosa," he said, "do not be afraid.
>
> I—I do not think we quite understood one another just now. Your sister wanted to take the position which old Megson is about to vacate, of house-

> keeper at the parsonage?"
> "Yes, sir," said Rosa, with downcast

eyes.
"But I should prefer another house you, the trustees don't like her. She isn't very young, you know, and has some odd, formal little ways, and only wife, darling—my own beloved lifewife, darling-my own beloved lifetreasure!"

"I never thought of such a thing." said Rosa, beginning to color up and

tremble, "Think of it now, then," persuaded Mr. Racquet. "Lucilla and your mother can live with us, if you like; but you must be the little housekeeper, my Rosa."
And, after a singularly short period

of deliberation, Rosa Appleton decided to accept the situation.

When Mr. Alton came in from his sanitary meditations among the pine groves, Roderic met him with a radiant

countenance.
"Old fellow," said he, "I'm safe! No more of your leap-year intimidations for me. I'm engaged!"
"So she has asked you, eh?" groaned

Mr. Alton. "No," said the parson; "I asked her."

Terrapin.

In a letter from Baltimore to the Renublic, of Washington, a correspondent tells what he knows about terrapin The following facts are of general in terest:

It is in Lent that terrapin commands ts highest prices. They are worth from \$25 to \$36 a dozen during the sea-son. A dozen terrapins consist of twelve diamond-backs, no one of which must be less than a "count terrapin," that is, measure seven inches in length on the under shell. The largest known do not exceed ten inches in length and eight pounds in weight, and such prize are extremely rare. The seven-incl terrapin averages four pounds in weight.
"Sliders," the common river turtles of

"Yes," said Mr. Racquet, quietly:
"for, of course, you know that much of the prosperity of a country parish depends upon its female members."
"Yes," observed Mr. Alton, dryly.
"You are an unmarried man, I be Rosa looked at him, half-amazed, half-offended."
"The two or three men who control the trade in Baltimore say that they sell almost exclusively for private tables. "Rather—not?" she repeated. "I ferrann are caught an the way from don't think Lucilia expected that decision. Perhaps she'd better come and see you herself about it—" see you herself about it—" but the genuine diamond-back belongs almost exclusively to, the upper Chessgasped Mr. Racquet. "My decision is irrevocable." the James river and streams adjoining An active terrapin catcher sometimes makes \$50 a week, but the find varies and often runs down as low as \$5. The reptile is discovered by probing the mud in the shallows with a stick. He

is dormant and easily captured. The females are more highly prized, and are known as "cow" terrapin. They generally contain about thirty eggs, some of which you have a right to expect to garnish the dish at \$1.25 a plate. I am not betraying confidence In stating that many restaurateurs, reckiess of their fair fame, have resort to the eggs of the pigeon made into a paste and rolled into a substitute for the genuine article. Thirty years ago the largest dealer in Baltimore found it difficult to dispose of the terrapin he received at \$6 article. a dozen. The product, he says, is about the same year in and year out. He sell as many now as he did then. The negroes who bring them to market say negroes who bring them to market say that they are growing yearly scarcer, and nothing but the high price stimu-lates them to keep up the supply by a more extended and persistent search. The commissioners of fisheries of this State, in their report of 1876, deplore "the much diminished and rapidly dim-Involuntarily he listened.

"I know it's very foelish of me to cry, Mrs. Megson," fatered Rosa, "but indeed, indeed I can't help it! You see, we heard you were going away next work and Lucilla was so anxious to observe a horizontal state of the chesapeake bay," and suggest its increase by cultivation. They add: "There are hundreds of localities admirably situated in our terrapin producing regions which could be made more productive, acre for acre,

eye.

"She's young?" he said, to himself,
"and perhaps a trifle inclined to be giddy, but she's certainly very charming. And since the Appletons have the Appletons have the said to himself, "Certainly, certainly, Miss Rosa!"

"Certainly, certainly, Miss Rosa!"

"Certainly, certainly, Miss Rosa!"

"Chimed in good-natured Mrs. Megson.
"And what objection did the master some men wrestlers in the hosiery de-

teaching, I don't think I could do better was so cold, and stern, and short with Colonel Solon's Description of Pulling

An Oil City man was standing in front of a dentist's office yesterday, with an anxious, unhappy look in his eyes and two yards of flannel around his lower jaw. He cast sorrowful glances upward to the dentist's sign, and in a hesitating sort of way, placed his foot. hesitating sort of way placed his foot on the lower stair; then came out to the thing. Colonel Solon came along at that moment, and with a thoughtful in-

terest in the man's welfare, said:
"Toothache, eh? Goin' to have it pulled? Ever had a tooth pulled? No? Well, you'd better go right up afore your courage fails you. Worst thing in the world is pullin' a tooth. I've been through the war, had both lungs shot away, fifteen bullets in my head, and doctors run a probe through a hole in my shoulder right down through my body to my toe—thought 'twould kill me, but man alive I never knew what pain was 'til I had a tooth pulled. Maybe you think the toothache is horrible. It is, it's awful! But wait 'til the dentist runs them air iron tongs in your mouth, pushes the tooth right down through yer jaw bone, and then yanks away as if he was pulling on an old hand engin', and ver'll think the toothache ain't no more to be compared to it than a flea bite is to a railroad accident. Yer had better go right up though, and have it out. Don't let anything I said cause yer to back out, I

merely wanted to prepare yer mind for An' don't yer take ether. Knew a build who took ether an' he died. It's dangerous. Jest go right up an' have it out. I'll go up with yer, an' see how yer stand it when he begins twistin' the bones aroun'. Yer won't sleep a wink to night if yer don't have it out, an' naybe yer won't anyhow, for sometimes the tooth breaks the jaw, inflamname nerve and the whatthey callit sets

Just at this moment a young man practicing on a French horn in one of the upper rooms blew a long, ear-piercing blast, like the yell of a man in torment, and as the last sound echoed through the hall the colonel said: "That's it, there's some one gettin' a tooth pulled now, and the dentist hasn't any more than just given the first twist either. Come right up an' have yours yanked. Whoop! there he goes again!" as another terrible blast from the horn came down the staircase. "Hold on, hold on," yelled the colonel, but he wasn't quick enough to stop the man with the aching tooth, who rushed out of the doorway and down the street so fast his two yards of flannel became un-wound and streamed behind him like signals of danger, while the villainous old colonel sat down on the lower step and laughed till his eyes ached.—Oil

All old Texans, and the student of the history of Texas, are familiar with the ill-starred Mier expedition, which left Ill-starred Mier expedition, which left Pexas, in the fall of 1841 for the purpose time before the accident he stopped of invading Mexico. The expedition traveling over the bridge from south to started out under command of General December, when in the vicinity of the Rio Grande, was ordered back. After the return of General Somervill and a portion of the command, some 300 men who were left determined on hostile demonstrations, and elected William S. travelers gave up the bridgeon account Fisher as commander. The expedition of the oscillations and took to the ferry. then advanced on the town of Mier, in

21st and demanding provisions, took the alcade of the town with them as a hostage, and returned to where the main body was camped to wait the arrival of the articles demanded. While the Texans remained in camp, Mier was occupied by General Ampudia, of the Mexican army, with 2,000 men. On the afternoon of the twenty-fifth of December, the Texan forces started for the town, and encountered the forces of Ampudia in its vicinity, and a fight ensued, in which the Mexicans were driven through the town, but still fighting. After several parleys, the representation of the overwhelming numsentation of the overwhelming has been opposed to them, and promises of generous terms, the Texans were induced of his bounty entered the church, whence of his bounty entered with three silver The prisoners were then started for

TIMELY TOPICS.

The salaries of a few of our American railway officials show what a mine rail road management may sometimes prove H. J. Jewett, president of the Erie rail Ohio, has a nominal salary of \$4,000 a a year. There are to-day fifteen general managers of railways in the United States whose salaries range from \$10,000 to \$15,000; nine general superintendents, with a salary from \$7,000 to \$10,000 yearly, and a number of officials in the same rank who receive over \$8,000.

Of one mathematical work written by the venerable and accomplished Professor Peirce, of Harvard, he himself says that there is only one man living, besides himself, who could read it and understand it; and of another work he says that only one man besides himself has read it and understood it. A mathematician, the professor says, is not really known while he is alive; he must wait for history to do him justice, and establish his real worth and scientific position. Professor Peirce is said to consider Professor Sylvester, of Johns Hopkins, as a remarkable genius, and perhaps the greatest of contemporary mathematicians.

A Boston swindler advertised for "s lady or gentleman to address circulars evenings at home," and to the thousands of persons who responded by mail he sent letters saying he would pay seven dollars a thousand for addressing en-velopes. He added: "There are many who answer advertisements for mere curiosity; to protect ourselves against such a bore, we are obliged to insist upon a deposit of one dollar, which you can claim after the delivery of the first 1,000 circulars." The pay offered was so liberal that the dollars poured into his postoffice box at the rate of two hundred a day, but he got none of them, for the postmaster refused to deliver them. The investigation into the terrible

Tay bridge disaster disclosed that as to the metal used for the columns, molders employed in the work for twentyseven years "never saw worse;" the coke used for melting it was inferior; holes and cracks were patched up with cement; none of the defective columns. which were numerous," were broken up, but went into the work, and so on. Not a lew witnesses, such as ex-Provost Robertson, of Dundee, an engineer, tes-tified as to the habitual recklessness of the drivers on the bridge. The regulation speed in crossing it was twenty-five miles an hour; Mr. Robertson found that the actual rate averaged from thirty to thirty-five miles, while some-times, when trains were behind time, they dashed over the two-mile-long bridge at the rate of forty-two, forty-three and even forty-seven miles. So great was the vibration that it produced in this old engineer's mind a It is sale to bet that he will be indiving. north, though he used it in his daily mervill, and on the nineteenth of journeys from north to south, the southsoember, when in the vicinity of the slowly. He complained to the stationmaster, who says that "he did not port these complaints to any of his superior officials." Other habitual

"Virtue is its Own Reward,"

Some days ago a tender-hearted stranger of well-to-do exterior, passing by the broad stone steps of Warsaw cathedral, perceived a poorly dressed woman crouched at their foot, weeping loudly and wringing her hands in deep tribulation. Touched by her evident distress, he stopped and asked what was the matter. "Kind, gracious sir," rethe matter. "Kind, gracious sir," re-plied the sobbing woman, "I am the most unfortunate creature in the world' I want to get my baby christened, but hey demand two roubles, and I have not a single copeck." "Is that all?" observed the pitiful stranger; "take this five-rouble note, go straight to the pope, pay him his christening fee and bring me out the three roubles change.' she presently emerged with three silver

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The Beauty of Age. There's beauty in a happy child, Within whose merry, languing eyes A world of joy and wonder lies, And wayward tancies free and wild.

There's beauty in the bloom of youth, When hopes o'erflow the heart ela That courts fair fortune, fears not fate Rejoicing in its honest truth.

There's beauty in strong manhood's might, That marches on through all alarms,
That bodily meets a world in arms,
And bravely battles for the right.

But nobler beauty rests with age, In the calm face and thoughtful eye Ot him whose purpose, broad and high, Proclaims the wisdom of a sage.

CTEMS OF INTEREST.

- William Leighton

Edison gets \$25,000 a year and tries to make light of it. Cannibals are not straight-forward

people. They are back-biters.-Boston Courier. The most difficult thing to raise on the

arm is the hired man who sleeps in the kitchen loft.

The man who exploded with laughter Boston Transcript. A London publisher offers an edition

of the New Testament for two cents, and says he can make money selling it for that price. Dr. George M. Beard, in a lecture before a New York medical society, argued

that insanity never had been and never would be defined. A dressmaker got mad because her lover serenaded her with a flute. She said she got all the fluting she wanted urday Night.

It is claimed that a man never loses anything by politeness, but this has proved to be a mistake. As an old Philadelphian lifted his hat to a young lady the wind carried away his wig .-Philadelphia Chrenicle. Nebraska has risen from the yield and

area of 9,000,000 bushels of wheat and corn and 351,000 acres in 1871, to nearly 82,000,000 bushels and 2,677,690 acres in 1879; and still less than one-tenth of the State is under cultivation. "There is a multitude of people lying

round about us," exclaims an orator.
All right, let them lie; that won't hurt
us. It's those that go around and tell
the truth about us that do the damage, unless we are better than most man-kind.—Marathon Independent. "There are seventeen and a half men to every female in the Territory of Da-kota." "Well," said Miss Jones, spin-

ster, when she read the above item, "if girls knew what I know, they'd take that half man rather than none at all .-Derrick. When the enterprising poet isn't writing # Isn't writing, Some melancholy verses about love,

1d vel bot Of the dove. When the young and tender schoolgirl isn't thinking, if sn't thinking,

Of the time when she will be allowed to vote d de Lowed to vote. Coyly blinkin Chicago Tribune.

The German Puzzle. -The following somewhat simple puzzle has been furnished us by a gentleman of this city:

> -Louis maorigin, assured В Wall B

land nothing but the high price stimulates them to keep up the supply by a more extended and persistent search. The commissioners of fisheries of this State, in their teport of 1876, deplore "the much diminished and rapidly diminishing supply of this most excellent luxury of the Cheapeake bay," and suggest its increase by cultivation. They add: "There are hundreds of localities admirably situated in our terrapin producing regions which could be made more productive, aere for acre, than the best surrounding land, by the establishment of terrapin producing."

Ambition is a great thing. It n akes some men wrestlers in the hosiery department of a country dry goods store, —New York Express.

The prisoners were then started for the city of Mexico, a number being killed on route, and on arriving at Salado, on the twenty-fifth of March, an order was received from Santa Anna, directing that every tenth man be shot. Accordingly, 159 white and seventeen black beans taken loud and shot. In "Trall's History of localities admirably situated in our terrapin producing regions which see handed over to her the city of Mexico, a number being killed on route, and on arriving at Salado, on the lineator surprise at his apparently disinterested the surprise at his apparently disinterested with three silver moules, and on the lineator surprise at his apparently disinterested the surprise at his apparently disinterested with three silver moules, and the search was proved woman, "answered the philanthropist, with a beaming that every tenth man be shot. Accordingly, 159 white and seventeen black beans taken but the polyment of Texans left, were placed in a box, and each man drew; black beans taken out and shot. In "Trall's History of Texas "cours the following paragraph: "First Ampudia and then Santa Anna took a fancy to a mere lad by the name of Hill, and young Hill's father and brother were released, and the young man sent to the best college in Mexico. He adopted the profession of a mining engineer, and is still a citizen of Mexico."

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