

LITERATURE AND ART.

"Longfellow writes to an inquirer - The 'Golden Legend' is founded upon a German story of the Middle Ages, written by Hartmann von Aue.

The daughter of the artist of John Halifax, Guelph, Miss Georgiana M. O'Connell, is about to publish a novel in three volumes, entitled 'Remorse.'

Somewhere in Los Angeles recently, for the benefit of something or other, got up a musical evening with our local 'boobies.' The entertainment consisted of an original piece of the kind of anglo-bards, all the productions being read to the writer.

P. W. Joyce, LL.D., has written a grammar of the Irish language for the use of schools in Ireland. It is mentioned with respect by the London Literary Digest that the Irish language is fast dying out. Societies have been organized for its preservation.

M. Ferris, the young artist who took the first prize for sculpture at the Paris Salon this year, sold his group, 'A Child Killed by a Wild Beast,' to the municipality for 6,000 francs. It is to be cast in bronze and set up in some public square.

Oscar, the poetic King of Sweden, has written a book on Free Masonry, in which he seeks to defend and support that which he has written in his 'The King of the Mountains.' It is not to be published until authorized versions in German, English, French and Italian have been prepared.

The danger of transmitting disease by books has been investigated by the Chicago public library directors. They have corresponded with physicians and librarians in various parts of the country, but one case has ever been known of a case of contagious disease having been imported by a book.

In the drawing-room of Brompton, the London artist, is a painting on the mirror of a lady in a white dress, which is in its decorative effect that one would never suspect it had been put there by the artist. It is a huge work, and is called 'The Beauty of the Lamp.'

Information which redounds to the credit of the late Prince Imperial will, it is said, be given in a forthcoming volume of the late Sir A. P. N. The letters were written by Prosper Marchand, and will throw valuable light on the life of the late Prince of the Tuileries.

A new edition of Prof. Leone Levi's 'History of British Commerce' will shortly be published. It is a large volume, and is illustrated by diagrams showing the progress of finance, wealth, commerce, and navigation, as well as the working of English banking laws in ordinary times, and on the occasion of great distress.

A London bookseller has published in cheap form a pithy sketch of Lord Beaconsfield, with bright accounts of his life and his political career. It is a book which has become a classic in England. The notes in this edition are by a well-known writer, and are of great value.

An edition of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is in circulation in Paris, accompanied with notes in which slavery is declared to be not contrary to natural order, and the assertion is made that the course would be happier if they were slaves. Whereupon Mrs. Stowe says: 'He must be a very old editor who could realize the effect of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' on the laborers who ought to be slaves, by a footnote.'

It has been discovered that Charlotte Brontë took her non-de-plume from Miss Currier, a lady of literary tastes, who was a patient of the school at Convent as described in 'Jane Eyre.' Here is a curious extract from the report of this school for the year 1847: 'Miss Currier, a lady of literary tastes, who was a patient of the school at Convent as described in 'Jane Eyre.'

Of Johnson, Cumberland tells an anecdote which will be repeated. Sir John Reynolds had drunk eleven cups of tea, and had drunk eleven cups of tea, he requested Mrs. Cumberland to 'round up the number.' She said: 'I will round up the number, but I will not round up the number.' He said, as he took the cup: 'I must tell you for your comfort you have exceeded the limit of the number of cups of tea, and you have exceeded the limit of the number of cups of tea.'

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DEAR SIR, - I am happy to be able to write to you. I was troubled with the Electric Oil, and for many nights after retiring, I had to sit up in bed, my suffering being intense, while the Couch was so severe that the bed-rooming was wet and saturated with perspiration. My wife hearing of your Electric Oil, sent to Madison Co., N.Y., for a bottle of it, but I had taken so much medicine without benefit, that I was persuaded to do so. The first bottle relieved me considerably, and I continued taking it in small doses for a few days. I took two bottles in all, and the next morning I was perfectly cured. As I have not had any attack now for nearly a year. I have recommended the Electric Oil to all my friends, and it has been benefited by it in a remarkable degree, and all speak highly of it as a medicinal cure. I can recommend it, myself, and will cure the Asthma by your Electric Oil.

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clear lime-water without disturbing the sediment. Pour in carefully so as not to wash the egg out of place. Be sure that they are more than covered, and let the air get in while the liquid is poured on, they may not be thoroughly imbued, and it is well to wait a few minutes before bubbling rise to the surface, and then pour on more lime-water if necessary. Then close the jar closely, and do not disturb them till needed.

WOMAN'S WAYS. A twelve-year-old girl plays the cornet in South Church, Pittsfield, Mass. A New York lady has offered \$500 reward for the return of a pet rat. She says she cannot sleep at night because of her pet rat, and is hunting the city through for it.

The ladies of Vienna have formed a house-keeping union, and have established a co-operative shop, free registry for house-keeping equipment, and an exchange for women's work.

A pretty girl graduate of Philadelphia, who is very beautiful, is getting along in life, when she graduated last summer, is getting along nobly. She is now a student in a college in Philadelphia.

A well-organized and novel company has been organized in New York, which furnishes, on application by ladies, temporary escorts for all occasions, and wherever an escort is needed.

At the marriage of Lord Durham's second son, eight of the eleven bridesmaids were the bride's sisters. His wife's name was the bride's sister.

A Boston woman has kept a full-grown lion and lioness as pets in her house for some time, but now the police commissioners propose to remove them from her house as too dangerous to be at large.

Some men are often heard to declare that they cannot enjoy the society of women. It is so for no reason. They should recall Michele's doctrine: 'The folly of women is born of the stupidity of men.'

A Michigan lady is 'annoyed' by her arguments on and on, allowing the man to smoke in the house. Now, I never saw a man who did not smoke in his house, if he pleased, so I presume the woman all allow it.

A lady who writes to the editor of the 'White Face' asks for a recipe for a cure for a skin disease. The recipe is as follows: 'Take a pound of soap, and a pound of lard, and mix them together, and use it as a salve for the skin.'

A Cleveland lady who has lately passed a few weeks in the hospital, has returned to her kitchen as her 'sister de cuisine.' Her son will insist on referring to the worthy domestic as 'our pet' in the kitchen, and his mother's horror - but he has a right to it, for she has done so much for him.

A Massachusetts woman was so jealous of her husband's first wife that when he died she refused to allow him to be buried beside her. She remarked to a friend: 'But she is the funeral, 'I ain't a-gots' to have the woman a-lasin' on Jim's arm at the reburial.'

An Ohio lady writes to the 'New York Evening Post' - 'I agree with B. when he says that learning stockings and mending clothes is more important than any other work, although I am not an average lady, but I love to darn stockings, and I make a lot of them.'

An impromptu mock-auction sale of women's wearing apparel, and first in Wisconsin church fair, the men bid liberally for the attractive girls, and it was all very funny indeed until the auctioneer called for a bid for a girl who was a 'Nelly-fanny'.

Miss Susan King is a Maine woman who has amassed a fortune of half a million of dollars by the sale of trips in the city of Boston. That was her original stock in trade, for she had a large number of shares in a company which she had founded in New York, and she had sold them for a large sum of money.

A lovely young lady, at the time when belles in Glasgow were scarce than they are now, was talking with a gentleman from Glasgow about that city and its people. The conversation turned upon the balls and the attendance at them, when the gentleman laughingly asked the question: 'Have you any more beaux in Glasgow, Miss -?' 'Oh yes, sir; there are five of us.'

At a dance-party the other evening, Nelly, affecting a delightful air, being, of course, very warm, her partner devoted himself to cooling her, and kept fanning her and fanning him, she asked, 'Why am I like a certain animal in a menagerie?' 'He didn't know,' he said. 'Why, I'm a Nelly-fanny,' she said. He immediately asked for the position of keeper, and her engagement has since been announced.

Miss Green and Mr. Neemer sold at the auction in a Roman Catholic church at Delphos, Ohio, in the presence of a large number of people, the marriage services were solemnly performed to the point where Miss Green was asked if she would take Mr. Neemer to be her husband. 'No, I will not,' she responded. The priest thought she was confused, and put the question again, whereupon she declared that she changed her mind, but would give no explanation. Of course the ceremony was not concluded.

A female representative of Erie, with a market basket on her arm, passed at the counter of an egg merchant, and after pricing some of the eggs, asked if they were good. 'They're nothing else,' answered the man blandly. Then she rolled out a dozen or two of them, took up another and another. 'What do you mean?' exclaimed the astonished dealer, asking her in the act of smashing the egg. 'Mans' he said, 'didn't you tell me they were good? But look to you, men, how shallow I know it unless I have anything to say.'

It is not every one who possesses the art of selling trifles at a bargain. Big prices, but at a bargain held under very special patronage, a few days ago, somebody hit upon this very rarely to be met with in any of our markets. It was a pair of shoes. Mr. Langtry was there, and in a very short time had sold off all the contents of the basket. It was at this crisis that the new idea asserted itself, and it was announced that anyone who wished to be present at the evening bazaar might claim that distinction for a so-called 'bargain.' It was complete hit. Dozens of people had the honor of being introduced, and the friends of the bazaar received large contributions from persons who may now truthfully boast that they know Mr. Langtry.

AGRICULTURE.

DIFFERENT BREEDS OF FOWLS.

Unlike almost all other varieties, there are several reasons for believing that this breed of fowls did originate, or at least came to us, from Spain. It has, however, been long known and valued by amateurs in this country, and perhaps no other is generally popular. This is no doubt partly owing to their truly aristocratic and beautiful appearance, but also to their unrivalled large white eggs, which exceed in weight those of any other breed, except the lately introduced La Fleche, and are always sought after for the breakfast-table.

Of late the variety of this breed now known as the white-faced Black Spanish is by far the most important, and the only one which is reserved as a prize specimen for poultry exhibitions. It is also to be shown in the class 'for any other variety.' Of this truly aristocratic breed, Mr. H. Lane, of Bristol, who has probably taken more first prizes with his birds than any other breeder within a radius of a hundred miles, writes: 'Flow in the high in the neck, the light, bright, red comb, and the upright, the breast well protruding, and the tail standing well up, but not carried over the back, are the characteristics of the white-faced Black Spanish. The legs should be blue or lead-colored, and the whole plumage a dense, glossy black, with a few iridescent tints. The hen should be deep in the body, and the comb should be large and fleshy. Any white or speckled feathers, which now and then occur, are to be rejected. The comb should be large and fleshy, and the feet should be black. 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