

BE WHAT YOU SEEM.

"BE WHAT YOU SEEM" and seem what you should be,

The child of truth, from all dishonour free;
Brave and humane, and generous, just, and wise;

Revere what's good—the bad you will despise.

Be what you seem—let virtue mould each thought,

And form the heart, with every goodness fraught;

Thy country's good prefer to private ends,
And taste the pleasure that high views attends.

Be what you seem—benevolence ope thine eye,
And teach thee how her objects to desery;

Befriend the poor, dry up each briny tear,
Nor close thy bounty with th' revolving year.

VARIETIES.

COCK ROBIN A WEATHER GLASS.—It is asserted in *Adams's Birds of Song* that the robin may be considered part of the naturalist's barometer. On a summer evening, though the weather may be in an unsettled or rainy state, he sometimes takes his stand on the topmost twig, or on the house-top, singing cheerfully and sweetly. When this is observed, it is an unerring promise of succeeding fine days. Sometimes, though the atmosphere is dry and warm, he may be seen melancholy, chirping, and brooding in a bush, or low in a hedge; this promises the reverse of his merry lay and exalted station.

WEEDS AND FLOWERS.—Vice grows rapidly, but virtue is a plant of tardy production. The virtues are, in fact, the flowers, more or less beautiful, which grow in the moral garden of the human heart; but the vices are the weeds, which, owing to man's innate depravity, spring up spontaneously, and, if not suppressed or controlled, soon leave their nebler rivals no room to exist in the same vicinity.

He that sympathises in all the happiness of others, enjoys the safest happiness; and he that is warned by all the folly of others, has attained the soundest wisdom.

TO COPY EMBROIDERY PATTERNS.—The work you wish to copy should be laid upon a table, quite flat, and free from any folds. Then "baste" or pin upon the work the calico that is intended to receive the pattern. With the left hand hold down the fabric, and then rub the pattern with the bowl of a common metal teaspoon, a leaden or pewter one, as Britannia or other hard metal is not so good for the purpose. The effect of this process will be a black metal tracing upon the calico the exact pattern of the embroidery below. This mode of copying work is simple, and rapid of execution.

A vocalist says he could sing "Away down on the old Tar River," if he could only get the "pitch."

In contemplating your misfortunes always look beneath you; in thinking of your virtues and wisdom always look above you: thus shall you be kept from despair and from pride.

"Ma, have you got any carrots?" asked a little boy, who had been writing a letter for his mother. "Why, my son?" asked his mother. "'Cause I left out a word in my letter, and the teacher says that when we leave out a word, we must put in a carrot, and write the word we want to put in over the line."

What is that which goes from Halifax to Truro without moving? A railroad.

"Boy, why don't you go to school?"—" 'Cause, sir, daddy is afeard that if I larns everything now, I shan't have anything to larn ven I comes to the 'cademy."

The miser hides his savings, but the early school-boy saves his hidings.

"YOUR FARE, MISS."—A young lady from the West lately entered a city railroad car. Soon after the conductor approached her and said, "Your fare, miss." She blushed and looked confused, but said nothing. The conductor was rather astonished at this, but ventured to remark once more. "Your fare, miss." This time she blushed deeper, and replied, "Wall, if I am good-lookin' you hadn't ought ter say it out loud afore folks."

MENTAL RECREATIONS.

Answers to the following Questions will be given in next No. In the mean time we suggest to our young friends to exercise their ingenuity in solving them; so that they can compare the results of their efforts with the published Answers, when their papers are received. All communications in connection with this Department of the Weekly Miscellany should be sent post paid.

REBUS.

An island in the North Atlantic Ocean; a town in Scotland; a town in Surrey; a county in the Lowlands of Scotland; a river in Bavaria; a town in Bavaria; a province in Hindostan; a city in Scotland; one of the Sandwich Islands; a sea-port of France; a river in Italy; a maritime town in Denmark; a lake in Scotland; an ocean in the Western Hemisphere; a river in France; a town in Scotland; a kingdom to the south of Italy; a sea-port in Spain; a river in Hungary; one of the Society Islands; a town to the south of France; a river in Russia; an ancient town of Palestine; a country to the north of Europe; a city in Devonshire; and a town of Westphalia in Germany, famous for its mineral waters.—The initials and finals will name an event of great public interest.

ARITHMETICAL QUESTION:

I saw a tree with tempting fruit,
Just sixty-five feet high;
But a deep ditch that lay between
Forbade me to come nigh.
The ditch was fifty-two feet wide—
Now I would gladly know
How long a ladder I must get
To reach the topmost bough:

RIDDLE.

What is it that's feather'd, yet is not a bird?
And which without wings is well known to fly?
Yet what is the strangest of things ever heard,
That though you may shoot it, it never will die?

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