

Extracts from the Spring Poets.



A MAIDEN'S "PSALM OF LIFE"

A PARODY.

Tell us not in idle jingle
Marriage is an empty
dream!
For the girl is dead that's
single,
"And things are not
what they seem."

"Life is real life is ear-
nest!"
Single blessedness a
jib,
Man thou art, to man re-
turnest,
Has been spoken of the
rib.

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way,
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us nearer marriage day.

Life is long, and youth is fleeting,
And our hearts, tho' light and gay,
Still like pleasant dreams are beating
Wedding marches all the way.

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
Be a heroine—a wife.

"Trust no future how'er pleasant,
Let the dead Past bury its dead;
Act, act in the living Present,
Heart within and hope ahead.

Lives of married folks remind us
We can live our lives as well,
"And departing leave behind us,"
Such examples as shall "tell"

Such examples that another,
Wasting life in idle sport,
A forlorn, unmarried brother,
Seeing, shall ache heart and court.

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart on triumph set;
Still contriving, still pursuing—
And each one a hero—"

THE JURY'S attention having been directed to a communication that appears in the last number of the *Cosmopolitan Shorthand* (which communication is profusely studded with capital I's), finds a coincidence in the fact that two Fry's are simultaneously seeking fame in a fishy way.

Educational.

One of the most useful and easiest things carried in life is learning. In this advanced age of ours there should not be an individual who can say that he has not had an education. Rich and poor alike enjoy the same privileges in that line; free schools have been established all over the continent, and the poorest can become educated without money and without price. Economy has often been agitated in the school question, and recently in our own city a grand mass meeting was called in one of our public halls for the purpose of reducing expenses in regard to our free schools. The meeting proved a failure, as the people did not appear, which was a sufficient guarantee that they were satisfied with the expenses incurred and would let the matter move on in the even tenor of its way. There has been issued on June the 10th, 1886, a journal which will devote its pages to the interests of the teachers of schools in this Province. This paper, of which we possess a copy, is issued every two weeks, and comes under the editorial care of Mr. Geo. U. Hay, Ph. B., of St. John, which is a sufficient guarantee of its educational character. The *New Brunswick Journal of Education*, as it is called, will be delivered to subscribers at the nominal price of 50 cents a year. THE JURY wish it all the success due a journal working in the interest of education.

A "Pectoral" Paper.

"Our esteemed contemporary, the *Woodstock Press*, calls our Provincial cartoon monthly, THE JURY, 'a comic pectoral paper.' This is the first intimation we had that it was anything like a quack medicine."—*Maple Leaf*.

Charge THE JURY with medical attention rendered the *Woodstock Press*. Perhaps their compositor was unwell and needed "pectoral," or were he in Love-tt Wood have been excusable. But to mention "pectoral" on our maiden issue, well—Punch me if I like it.—Ed.

Correspondence.

B. V. C., Colchester Co., N. S.: Sorry, my dear fellow, but we have not the space to spare for anything in that line. We have but one space left, and that is for your name on our subscription list.

F. P. Emerson, Springfield, Mass.: Glad to hear from you, old boy. Thanks for that.

Written for THE JURY.

Household Hints.

By CASEY TAP.

By confining one's self to the use of oleomargarine the objection to rancid butter can largely be overcome.

A writer suggests the cleaning of the works of clocks by boiling them in water, but neglects saying what we are to do after taking the works from the stew-kettle. They should be gently, but firmly, corked and placed in a cool spot for the space of—of—well, till the house burns down. In the meantime if you have any interest in how time flies you might purchase a new clock. This has never been known to fail.

When stale bread has become so hard that it cannot be eaten, it may be cracked up into small pieces, say about the size of a tea-cup, and used for ornamenting flower-beds and silent tombs. If you are of an artistic turn of mind, very pretty effects may be had in hand-painted designs. We leave this, however, to the taste of our reader.

German method of removing ink-stains from linen: Lay the article in a vessel of milk, i. e., genuine, country-brewed milk, for a few hours; after which lay the linen on a hard pine table, being careful to note that no nails are under the ink spot. Then, by means of a sharp chisel the stain can be effectually removed. Should you desire to use the linen again, the place where erst the ink was can be patched with linen or other material in any shade to suit your fancy. Another method of removing ink stains is to send your linen to a laundry in a strange city. Instances have been known where linen, stains, buttons and all were very extremely removed.

In preserving eggs the chief point to be obtained is to keep the vegetables dry and free from air or moisture. This can best be done by wrapping each egg separately in leaves taken from the Canadian Hansard. This process will also keep berries from all manner of light—except, perhaps, gas.

Eggs may be scrambled by striking the lecturer or the holder-of-the-mirror up-to-nature on the scarf-pin.

To prevent stains from port wine on dresses or other articles of clothing, take a total abstinence pledge and use it well. Worth trying.

There are various ways of removing a tight ring from the finger. One method is to disconnect the finger at its junction with the hand. This plan is very popular with young medical-students and undertakers' assistants. Another way to remove the ring is to arrest one or two of the aldermanic Pooh-Bahs. The rest will then go to Florida and shoot alligators for their health.

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