

POETRY.

"HERE SHE LIES."

(Suggested by verses, with the same title, by A. M. A. in THE HERALD of the 14th April, 1894.) She is not here. This grave holds dust alone. She is not here...

TO A WATER LILY.

(Syllable Octave) Sweet scented water lily, white and fair, From the blue rippled bosom of the lake...

SELECT STORY

THE LADY, OR THE TIGER.

BY FRANK R. STOCKTON. AUTHOR OF "RUDDER GRASS," "THE LATE MISS NELL," ETC.

In the very old time, there lived a semi-barbaric king, whose ideas, though somewhat polished and sharpened by the progressiveness of distant Latin neighbors...

But even here the exuberant and barbaric fancy asserted itself. The arena of the king was built, not to give the people an opportunity of hearing the rhapsodies of dying gladiators...

When a subject was accused of a crime of sufficient importance to interest the king's arena, a structure which served its name for, although its form and purpose emanated solely from the brain of this man, who ever barleycorn a king...

And not only did she know in which room stood the lady ready to emerge, all blushing and radiant, should her door be opened, but she knew who the lady was...

When her lover turned and looked at her, and his eye met hers as she sat there paler and whiter than any one in the vast ocean of anxious faces...

came out of one door, and on some out of the other. The decision of this tribunal was not only fair, they were positively determinate...

The institution was a very popular one. When the people gathered together on one of the great trial days, they never knew whether they were to witness a bloody slaughter or a hilarious wedding...

But how much oftener had she seen him at the other door! How in her grievous reveries had she gashed her teeth, and torn her hair...

Would it not be better for him to die at once, and go to wait for her in the blessed regions of semi-barbaric futurity? And yet, that awful tiger, those shrieks, that blood!

The appointed day arrived. From far and near the people gathered, and thronged the great galleries of the arena; and crowds, unable to gain admittance, massed themselves against its outside walls...

His master retained able counsel for him, and amid the titter of the audience and the smiles of Judge Curtis the trial began. The plaintiff said how he was bitten, but acknowledged that he had provoked Tower by teasing him...

They filled with wind. On board a steamboat the other evening a strange thing occurred, which teaches a valuable lesson, says the Astorian. A shy young man decided to show a respectable pair of trousers to his wife...

When he turned and looked at her, and his eye met hers as she sat there paler and whiter than any one in the vast ocean of anxious faces...

Then it was that his quick and anxious glance asked the question: "Which?" It was as plain to her as if he shouted it from where he stood. There was not an instant to be lost...

A PATHETIC STORY.

An Old Negro Tells His Longing to go Back Home. As we waited in the Louisville depot, at Nashville for the train some one began crying, and excitement was raised among the passengers...

"Now, the point of the story is this: Did the tiger come out of that door, or did the lady?" The more we reflect upon this question, the harder it is to answer. It involves a study of the human heart which leads us through devious mazes of passion, out of which it is difficult to find our way...

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A HUMAN MYSTERY.

According to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Major Perry, the illiterate and ignorant Edgemoor county negro, who, while in what appears to be a trance sleep, preaches learned and eloquent sermons, is still attracting a great deal of attention...

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A DOG ON TRIAL.

He Proves That he Bears an Excellent Character and is Discharged. A dog on trial for his life—a slight impossible under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts' curious laws—was the event of to-day, says a Boston despatch, that filled the municipal court with overflowing with curious spectators...

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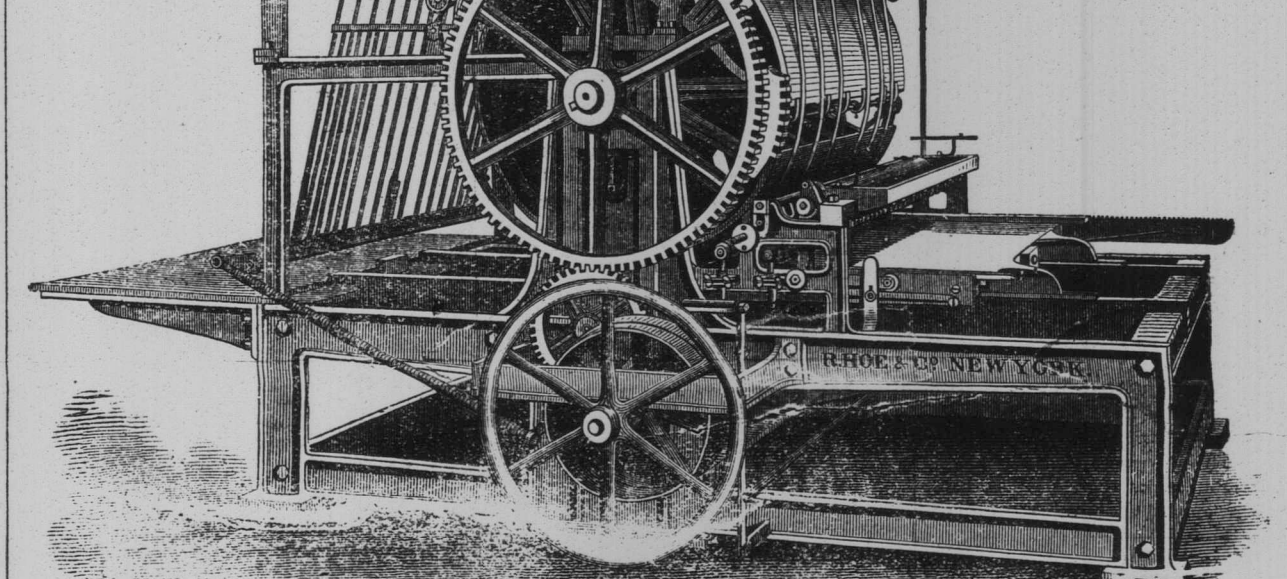
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