

Poetry.

OLD LETTERS.

Av. letter burn them. What does it avail To retrace the dumb words so dear to me; Like dead leaves tossed before the autumn gale...

Miscellaneous.

A BEAR STORY.

The mother of a big bear in the Zoological Garden at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was shot in the far West, on one of those great hunting expeditions which go forth at certain seasons of the year in those regions; and her two little cubs were left alone, looking very pitiful and forlorn.

After some four or five years, Miss Molly's father and her family were to move to a distant State; and they felt as if they would like to give Mr. Bruin to some one who would be kind to him.

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ed her old friend at first. There was a great crowd looking at the bears; and Molly fixed her eyes on Bruin, and gave a peculiar whistle, and said in a low voice, 'Hey, old Bruin!' and in an instant the bear distinguished her among the crowd, and seemed widely excited, and fairly danced up and down with delight.

Living, we heard our letters, holding them sacred and safe as almost sentient things; So strong the yearning tide of grief to stem, it true when doubt creeps in or treason stings; Parting may smile, and golden bridge be seen; Chance can not come where such stamped faith has been.

STRANGE MURDER TRIAL.

SIX CHILDREN CHARGED WITH KILLING A COLORED MAN.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 14, 1878.—At the Court of General Sessions for Edgefield County, in this State, the remarkable spectacle was presented, two days since, of six little children, two of whom were girls, being tried for murder. The youngest was not more than nine years of age, and the eldest not over thirteen.

RESCUED CREW.—Schr. Sea Bird, Capt. Dorsey, 18 days from St. Kitts for Digby, N. S., with a cargo of molasses, has put in at Boatbay with the loss of four additional masts and topmasts. She has on board seven of the crew of the brigantine Blanche, of Digby, which was abandoned at sea on or about February 15th, the mate of which is supposed to be lost, having left the vessel on a raft and struck out for himself; the rescued men were eight days and eight hours on the raft with nothing to eat but a dog. The Blanche was from Pangua, bound to St. Kitts, with lumber, and the Sea Bird also on board.

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Among the Cossacks of the Ukraine leap year is a chronic institution, and women as well as men, often make the first marriage advances. Not exactly in accordance with our ideas of modesty.

An Elmira, N. Y., fisherman had great success in fishing through the ice this season, with grasshoppers caught last summer, and preserved them by dipping them into gum-arabic.

It is not perhaps generally remembered that Napoleon once attempted suicide. It was after the destruction of Moscow by the Russians.

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Agricultural.

HORSE STABLES.

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EFFECT OF BONES ON DAIRY FARMS. As an evidence of the great value of a dressing of bone-dust upon the dairy farms, we have the testimony of an English agricultural writer of high repute, and the author of a Royal Agricultural Society's Prize Essay. This gentleman states that, since his own manures have been applied to the Cheshire pastures, the product of the soil in herbage and cheese has been greatly increased, in many cases having been actually doubled. The increase of stock kept in the locality has been from 30 to 50 per cent, and in one case, of a farm of 160 acres, the number of feeding stock has been enlarged from 20 cows and 3 colts, to 35 cows, 8 feeding heifers, 16 yearlings and heifers, horses, and 3 colts. But at the same time it is true, the quality of the cheese has been, to some extent, deteriorated, except where the most skillful management has been applied to the manufacture, the richer herbage being found to produce milk which requires the greatest care and skill in every step of its manufacture into cheese.

WHY SOME FARMERS KEEP POOR. A recent writer says:—"After long observation I have come to the conclusion that a great majority of the farmers who are poor might have made money. If you inquire into their business habits you will find that they always sold the best and kept the poorest. For instance, if they have too many sheep on hand, they pick out the best to be sold. If you ask them why they do so they will say:—"Because they bring twice as much as the others, and I am hard up just now for money. I know that it is not a good plan, and I do not intend to follow it always."

"I think the habit of selling the best is a very poor plan for any man, I don't care what his circumstances may be."

"I have a man in my mind now who always sells his poorest sheep for twice as much as the average farmer gets for his best. I have seen farmers in the fall pick out their best pigs to fatten, because they would make a few more pounds of pork than the others. This I call very poor economy."

The old Nile is no longer to be allowed to waste its time pouring out its waters uselessly into the sea. Its flood-streams are to be utilized, in part at least, and diverted into the deserts of Nubia, Libia, and Soudan. The gigantic engineering scheme is said not only to be projected but to be looked upon as actually feasible. It is well known, the main stream of the Nile is fed by the great equatorial lakes of Africa, and its annual inundations are caused by the in-rush of torrent-water, laden with soil from the fertile slopes of the Abyssinian plateau. This silt is now for the most part deposited in the bed of the Mediterranean, where it is gradually forming a new delta. Sir Samuel Baker, in a letter to the "Times," after relating these facts, proposes a plan by which not only the water of the Nile, but the soil which it now deposits wastefully may be utilized as a means of fertilizing the deserts south of Egypt. He proposes, by suitable engineering works, to divert a portion of the Nile flood-water into these deserts, where it can deposit its rich sediments in the sands, and also irrigate them into cotton fields that would render England independent of America. He would construct sluices and dams at different points on the Nile; at the cataracts, for instance. These dams and sluices, by enabling a craft to pass the cataracts, would also render the Nile navigable from the Mediterranean to Gondokoro.

Boston had a touch of the Savings Bank last week. Crowds of anxious depositors paraded the streets in front of the different banks from the hour of opening to closing. As all the institutions were solvent, however, the money was paid out within twelve months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Joker's Corner.

SLOW VESSELS.

Many laughable yarns are told at the expense of the old-fashioned vessels of a century or so ago, among which is the following:— One evening while running up the Mediterranean, under one horse biceps, Captain Pampus, commander of the "Wash Tub," came on deck just before sundown, and entered into the following conversation with Mr. Smiley, the first lieutenant:—"I heard a little noise on deck just now, Mr. Smiley; what was the cause of it?"—"A man fell from the fore-yard."

"Without saying another word, Captain Pampus entered the cabin, and was not seen again until next morning after breakfast, when he once more refreshed the deck with his presence, and again entered into conversation with the first lieutenant:—"I think you told me, Mr. Smiley, that a man fell from the foreyard last evening."

"I did, sir."

"Well, you had better pick him up during the morning, or he will begin to starve."

The lieutenant obeyed orders, lowered a boat about noon, and found the gentleman who fell from the foreyard, but eighteen inches farther astern than he was fourteen hours before.

An exchange speaks of a Vermont editor's wife presenting her husband with a fourteen pound daughter. Oh, yes, we remember—the circumstance. The editor received the donation with his accustomed gravity, and penned the following before he discovered that the gift was not sent for the usual purpose:—"A magnificent baby has been laid upon our table by Mrs. Blank, and we have no hesitation in pronouncing it the best that has come under our notice this season. We return thanks for the generous gift, and can only add that we hope the printer will be similarly remembered by many other of our readers." When the editor discovered what a blunder he had made, he took a solemn oath never to write another puff, not even if his cellar was filled with water melons and his backyard filled with cordwood.—Turner Falls Reporter.

The father of his country was an astute husband, and singularly just. "Martha," he said, three days after his marriage, "we might as well understand each other. I am prepared to admit that the late Mr. Curtis was the best man that ever lived. He was a good provider and most excellent in every conceivable way. But he is dead. I am frank to say that I do not weep over it. It is simply so. Let us not resurrect him. Let the dear old fellow rest in peace. He was too good for this world. We will not call him back. Let me hear no more regarding the late Mr. Curtis, my dear."

And those simple words, firmly spoken secured Mr. Washington much happiness and as much peace as though he had married the lady known as the Highland Beauty.—Wash. Express.

A TRAMP. A gentleman residing in a neat, modest cottage in the suburbs recently caught a tramp prowling around his back yard, evidently trying to steal something.

"Why don't you come to the front door if you want anything?" indignantly roared the proprietor.

"That's what I was a looking for," was the impudent reply.

"Didn't you see it on the other side of the house?" retorted the gentleman.

"How was I to know that was the front door? No silver door-plate, no bell, no telephone, no statutory, no servant to take your hat and cane. Tell your boys there's a gentleman out here waiting for his breakfast."

When the gentleman got back with his shot-gun the tramp had disappeared.

HE COULDN'T SWEAR.—A driver of a coal-wagon up in small provocation, swear furiously. One day some boys in the place saw him with a load of coal driving slowly down the road. As they were out for mischief, and knew him well, one of the urchins stole behind the team and let down the tail-board. Then they ran to a respectable distance, and waited with eager expectation for the volley they knew would come, "Jim got down from his seat, looked at the boys a moment, then at their work; then again at them, and calmly remarked, "Boys go home, I—I can't do this thing just; go home!"

Would you regard this as problematical or complimentary? "Nellie, my little girl do you like having a ride on my knee?" "The simple, artless child replied: "Yes, papa, pretty well, but not as well as to ride on a real jackass, I mean one with four legs, you know." The father pondered on that saying, and, lighting another cigar, concluded that childhood is wise beyond its years.

A circular calls attention to the lack of glory in this State, but as Mr. Henry Devine of Millbury has since presented her husband with a set of healthy triplets, the supply of Devines is more hopeful.—Dunell Courier.

"I am taking my holidays now. When the rest of the world begins to take their holiday I mean to go to work. The longer I live, the more I see the rashness of putting off your holidays till summer. You might die, you know.—Mark Twain.

Any introduction to you should always do what mamma tells you. Sibyl: "If you always had, you'd have been in heaven long ago."

Genius finds his six wives in Constantinople, and yet there are some people who wonder why he could not find a seventh.

Joseph was the first witness of high waymen—he was, while laid on the shore.—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Gubbins says her husband is like a yellow candle; he always smokes when he goes out.

Young man, if you want to outdo fellow out, sleigh the girl.