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and Fridays at 10 a. m.

FEMALE FREEMASON.

Story of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth's Initiation  
into the Sublime Mysteries of Freemasonry.

In the City of Cork, not many years ago, a  
Mr. Maberly kept a house of entertainment,  
and in it was held a Freemason's Lodge. The  
Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, a lady of rank and  
fortune, resided in the neighborhood of the city,  
and hearing much of the mysteries of the craft,  
had a most unquenchable desire to acquaint  
herself with them, and being a woman of re-  
solution and perseverance, she left no means  
untried to come to a knowledge of the secret.  
She contrived various stratagems to accom-  
plish her purpose, but was as often defeated  
by obstructions impeding her progress.

It is a proverb that, "a golden key can open  
every lock." Mrs. Aldworth appeared to  
have been aware of this, for she made a pro-  
posal to Mr. Maberly, the landlord, to assist  
her in effecting her determined purpose at all  
risks to be initiated into the mysteries of the  
craft, but little did she know of the inflexi-  
bility of a free and true-hearted Mason. The  
landlord may, it is true, yield to temptation  
on any other subject, but on the one in ques-  
tion Mr. Maberly was temptation proof, and  
Mrs. Aldworth gave up her efforts with him,  
adding, that she may as well think of moving  
the world, as to prevail on him, he being a  
true and accepted mason.

Though the lady's powers of persuasion  
failed with the landlord, she had some hopes  
of making an impression on the landlady, and  
soon succeeded in gaining her over to assist  
the project, and between Mrs. Aldworth and  
the landlady, many plans were projected to  
effect the purpose, but they were all frustrated  
by impediments in superior variety. Mrs.  
Maberly acquainted the lady that though her  
husband was a man of unshaken integrity,  
something might be done with Tim Jinkins,  
the tyler, to whom they communicated the la-  
dy's desire, promising a large reward, should  
he connive at the several plans laid down to  
effect a private and secret admission (unknown  
to the craft) and during the long hours, where-  
by Mrs. Aldworth might inspect the proceed-  
ings and acquire the secret of Masonry.

But here again they failed, for it is an ax-  
iom that since the first institution of this an-  
cient and sublime order no other member of  
the craft ever revealed the secret, nor can  
they, it seems, were they disposed, or however  
necessitous their circumstances might have  
been. Be this as it may, Tim Jinkins, a  
faithful and true-hearted Mason, marched a-  
bout the lobby, brandishing his flaming sword,  
and his apron on, hat in his Sunday clothes  
with a capacious hat grown rusty in the  
service—to the terror of the prying and inqui-  
sitive. And, faithful to his trust, he informed  
the master of the lodge that efforts were used  
in a certain quarter to come at the secret,

which made the officers more circumspect &  
vigilant. On this disclosure, brother Maberly  
was brought to the task, and fearing that  
the lodge would be removed from his house,  
insisted that his wife should not meddle in so  
fruitless and so dangerous an experiment,  
which for the time being, disconcerted the  
lady's schemes.

Weeks and months went by, still Mrs. A.  
was determined to effect her purpose, and to  
prevent all suspicion, did not appear at Ma-  
berly's, but effected an interview elsewhere,  
through the intervention of a remarkable char-  
acter residing in Cork, in those days, called  
Bounce the cobbler. These interviews were  
occasionally renewed, until their plans were  
determined and ripe for accomplishment. Mrs.  
Maberly had experienced so much kind-  
ness from Mrs. Aldworth, in the way of favors,  
that she heartily entered into the lady's views.  
Both resorted to every device that female in-  
geny could invent, to procure for Mrs. Ald-  
worth, the accomplishment of her sanguine  
wishes, but without effect. The plagues Ty-  
ler, *Judas ad urnam*, and his flaming sword  
thwarted every project.

After more mature deliberation, the land-  
lady proposed to have a chest conveyed into  
the lodge-room, and there let remain for some  
time, and at a farther opportunity, to assist  
the lady into it, and then to fasten the cover  
with a padlock to prevent suspicion and  
search. But on further consideration this  
was given up, first, because of the want of  
ventilation, and secondly, it being so very low  
in situation, as altogether to exclude a view  
of the actors while engaged in their most sub-  
lime avocations.

Ripe in expedients, it was next proposed to  
make a peep-hole in the ceiling, and start a  
board in the chamber overhead, thro' which  
aperture it was theoretically obvious that the  
lady could gratify her curiosity to the fullest  
extent, she having, therefore, a bird's-eye  
view of the proceedings generally, and would  
experience no constraint from confinement &  
want of air. But this very feasible plan was  
relinquished for some reason that has not  
transpired.

About this time Mrs. Maberly attended an  
auction in Hanover-street, there one of  
the most respectable streets in Cork, and be-  
ing in want of a clock, purchased what was  
then esteemed a handsome one, having a cir-  
cular pane of glass of small dimensions in the  
door of it for ornament, and to satisfy folk  
that the clock was going, it was intended to  
command a view of the pendulum on which  
was printed the rising sun. In those days  
clocks were usually painted and japanned, &  
Mrs. Maberly had masonic emblems taste-  
fully ornamented on it, and brought to the lodge  
room for which it was destined.

The clock-case was intended as a hiding-  
place for Mrs. Aldworth as soon as the novel-  
ty of its beauty was worn out, and it was a-  
greed to leave the works with one Mr. Aicken,  
a clock-maker in Cork, who was informed  
that he was to take his own time in cleaning  
them, Mrs. Maberly having a plan in contem-  
plation with which the pendulum and weights  
would considerably interfere. When matters  
were ripe for accomplishment, it was resolv-  
ed on by Mrs. Aldworth and the landlady that  
the clock-case was the only resource that re-  
mained, and at all risks Mrs. Aldworth deter-  
mined on concealing herself within it on the  
following Monday evening, about half an hour  
before the meeting of the members, on which  
one Mr. Skiddy, a merchant, and a Mr. Cop-  
pinger were to be made, also three officers of  
the 65th, then at quarters at Barrack-hill bar-  
racks, now employed as a depot for convict  
prisoners, since the building of the New Bar-  
racks on the hill over Patrick's bridge.

Accordingly the evening came, and all due  
preparations were made by the mistress and  
activity of the landlady, who had Mrs. Ald-  
worth introduced in disguise, aided by Mrs.  
Macmahon, the barmaid, Mrs. Aldworth was  
securely placed in the clock-case, but from  
its limits the lady was much incommoded, she  
not having been able to change her position,  
and but for her firmness and resolution, any  
other person would, certainly relinquish the  
object in view, rather than endure the torture  
of remaining in one position during the pro-  
tracted period of a meeting in lodge, with ex-  
tra business to prolong the ceremonies. To  
screen Mrs. Aldworth from observation  
through the circular pane of glass in the door  
of the clock-case, was partially obscured with  
black paint, leaving a space sufficient for see-  
ing through, yet so small as to escape the  
most strict observation.

The brethren now began to assemble, at  
length proceeded to business, Mrs. Aldworth  
being all this time an attentive observer, though  
under circumstances of considerable pain and  
inconvenience. But something was wrong—  
the proceedings were thwarted, the craft could  
not work, and it was at once concealed.  
The member next the door opened it, but  
there was no instruction from that quarter; Jin-  
kins, the tyler, was at his post, and no man  
need suggest to him the necessity of his duty.

The apartments overhead were all diligent-  
ly searched, and a general commotion amongst  
the members ensued. Baffled in every effort  
to find out the cause of the interruption, the  
members once more resumed their places.

At this period the lady in the clockcase ex-  
hausted from confinement in one position, and  
want of air, screamed faintly from exhaus-  
tion, and went off in a swoon. The attention  
of the company was now directed to the  
clockcase, and on forcing open the door the  
unhappy lady lay as stiff as a corpse, and with  
considerable exertion and difficulty ex-  
tricated from her perilous situation.

Brother Maberly withdrew, and the screams  
of a female in an upper room attracted the at-  
tention of several of the brethren, who ran  
up stairs, and discovered him chastising his  
wife, well knowing that she was the cause of  
the mortifying scene that brought disgrace  
upon him, and all the consequences resulting  
therefrom. For a space of 20 minutes Mrs.  
Aldworth continued in a swoon, the members  
of the lodge were debating on what was to be  
done under circumstances. Some voted for  
putting the lady to death—others, opposed so  
desperate a step, and one of the craft more  
sensible than the rest, addressed the lodge on  
the lady's behalf, contending as there was no  
law, human or divine, why a female should  
not become a free and accepted Mason, pro-  
posed on the instant that the hon. lady should  
be forthwith initiated into the sublime order  
of Masonry, which was carried with acclama-  
tion. The hon. lady was accordingly receiv-  
ed into the confraternity, the only example on  
record, and she continued, through a long and  
useful life, to display for the benefit of her fel-  
low creatures, the benevolent characteristic  
of a good and accepted Freemason.—*Freema-  
sons Magazine.*

THE ROYAL BRIDE.  
Written in honor of Her Majesty's Nuptials,  
and respectfully dedicated to the Queen.

With rosy goblets brimming,  
And wearing Pleasure's smile,  
We'll toast the lovely women  
Of this our native Isle.  
But chiefly will we honor  
Victoria, England's pride,  
Oh, blessings be upon her,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

In maiden graces blooming,  
Her beauty was a flower,  
Adorning and perfuming  
Her lone and secret bower;  
But now, fond expectation  
Cries out on England's pride,  
Thy buds shall bless the nation,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

Before the altar bending  
Behold thy goodly pair!  
A smiling train attending  
The young; the sweet, the fair;  
But still, the first is fairest,  
And that is England's pride;  
Joy to the ring thou wearest,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

Peace o'er thee spread her pinions  
Throughout life's varying scene,  
And thy wide-spread dominions,  
Exulting, praise their Queen.  
As maid, we blessed thy beauty,  
Old England's youthful pride;  
As wife, thou hast our duty,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

Great Hymen! who, possessing  
Life's undecending flame,  
Let thy prolific blessing  
Wait all who love thy name;  
But chiefly let thy favor  
Rest on Old England's Pride,  
Who to thy worship gave her,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

Come, Youth, and swell the chorus—  
"Come, Beauty, lend thy breath;  
The mothers dear who bore us  
Once wore the bridal wreath.  
As those who love to honor,  
So let us, England's pride;  
Heaven's blessing rest upon her,  
Prince Albert's Royal Bride.

PRINCE ALBERT'S BOOTS.—As a specimen  
of the minuteness with which every article  
worn by the Queen or Prince Albert is de-  
scribed, we subjoin an account of his Royal  
Highness's "magnificent" boots; which, by  
the way, were presented by the manufactu-  
rers.

The legs of Morocco, turned over with pur-  
ple velvet, and elegantly embroidered with  
gold: in the centre are the royal arms, sur-  
rounded by the letters V. A.; underneath are  
the words *nous servons*, "we serve," on either  
side of the arms are wreaths of the rose sham-  
rock and thistle, which are continued round  
the leg. The inside lining and straps are of  
gold, and the lower part of the boots of patent  
leather, beautifully stitched with white silk;  
the sole is most exquisitely finished, and the  
heels are of silver, secured with gold plugs, in  
the centre of which is a crown, and the letters  
P. A. in gold. The box in which they were  
presented is of the handsomest mahogany,  
lined with crimson cloth, and bears upon the  
cover the royal arms.

Montreal, April 37.  
"About noon this day a fire broke out in  
the rear of a house situated on the corner of  
St. Urban and Lagachetiere streets, St. Law-  
rence Suburbs, in a shed in which carpenters  
were at work, and soon communicated to an  
adjoining back building occupied as a St. or-  
house &c. by Mr. John Tassie, baker. Both  
shed and storehouse were speedily burnt  
down, and besides other property, Mr. Tassie  
lost about 30 barrels of flour. As soon as  
the alarm was given the engines were hurried  
to the spot, but they came too late to be of  
any use further than to protect Mr. Tassie's  
dwelling-house, which was in great danger.  
The property or lot has been lately purchased  
by Mr. Dickson, from Mr. Malcolm Leishe-  
man, and no insurance was effected on either  
building or other property.

"In the course of last night about three in-  
ches of snow fell, which has made our streets  
very muddy to-day. It has nearly all disap-  
peared, but the weather still keeps cool."

Montreal, April 28.  
The New York mail, which arrived this  
day, brought the evening papers of Friday &  
Saturday. They, however, contain nothing  
later from Europe, nor anything particularly  
interesting.

The weather has been very fine to-day, tho'  
rather cool. The snow which fell on Sunday  
night has nearly all disappeared.  
N. H. Baird, Esq. Civil Engineer, returned  
some days in collecting materials preparatory  
to making a report, &c. on the Chamby Canal,  
by order of Government. Mr. B. travel-  
led through the line of the Canal twice, and  
has, no doubt, carefully examined every yard  
of it, and collected a great deal of informa-  
tion regarding the probable income that it  
would afford if completed.

The Grenadier Guards leave at 5 o'clock  
in the British America.

INSECTS.—Some kinds of vegetables, as  
soon as they appear above ground, are very  
liable to be cut off by insects. The best pre-  
ventive is to roll the ground immediately after  
sowing. This should always be done, unless  
the ground is too wet. The insects are thus  
deprived of shelter behind the lumps of earth  
—are more exposed to winds, storms, and ex-  
tremes of heat and cold. Small chickens,  
turkeys and ducks, the mothers of which are  
confined in coops, will destroy many insects  
in a garden. A mixture of dry wood ashes,  
lime, and gypsum put into the hills or drills,  
and covered with a little soil before dropping  
the seed, afford protection to the roots from  
these insects that prey upon these plants.  
Infusion of waste tobacco, lime, ashes, soot,  
cowdung, elder, and some other leaves will,  
when moderately sprinkled over the beds, of-  
ten drive off insects. Grubs may not be de-  
stroyed by searching for them; and these in-  
sects that adhere to the leaves, may be de-  
stroyed with the leaves. Slugs are said to be  
enticed by slices of turnips on the beds, and  
early in the morning may be killed.

IN COUNCIL, May 2, 1840.

The undermentioned applicants for the pur-  
pose of Crown Lands, may have the tracts ap-  
plied for by them on the following terms, if  
payment be made before the 6th day of July  
next, and five shillings additional will be  
charged on each purchase, for postage, &c.

L. Bartlett, Sen. 3s. per acre, down.  
M. & M. Gleason, do. do.

The answers to the Petitions of the under-  
mentioned Persons are as follows.  
William Todd, Jr., and George W. Porter  
Ordered, that the Petitioners be allowed to take  
away the Timber on giving approved Bonds  
for the payment of double duties on the 1st  
July next.

The 300 acres in the Clarence Hill Settle-  
ment, which was purchased by the late John  
M'Master, will be granted to his heirs on their  
making application for the same at this Of-  
fice.

Snow fell to the depth of six inches at a  
place called Hosack, 20 miles from Troy,  
(New-York) on Monday the 27th April.  
It snowed at St. John same day.

The Frederickton Sentinel says, "it is rum-  
oured that three additional regiments have  
been ordered to this Province, two from  
England, and one from the West Indies."

The Rev. Mr. Newton, of the Methodist  
connexion, arrived at New-York, in the pack-  
et ship U. S. from Liverpool, last week.  
He is delegated from the Wesleyan Society  
of England, to visit the American churches  
of the same connexion, and attend the annual  
conference at Baltimore.

Glory.—Piny gives the following charac-  
ter of true glory—"Doing what deserves to  
be written, and writing what deserves to be  
read, and rendering the world happier and  
better for having lived in it."

Spirits.—It is a Spanish maxim, that he  
who loatheth wealth loatheth much; he who lo-  
seth a friend loatheth more; but he that loatheth  
his spirit-loatheth all.

Restraint.—We appreciate no pleasures  
unless we are occasionally debarked from  
them. Restraint is the golden rule of enjoy-  
ment.

Cave of the Waldenses.—The following de-  
scription of the caverns into which the Wal-  
denses fled from their persecutors, may give  
some idea of the ingenuity which these al-  
lotted people were compelled to exert for their  
own safety, as well as the natural asyllum  
in many of the mountains which were afforded  
them by divine Providence. Near the lofty  
and projecting crag which soars above Mount  
Vandelin, there was a natural cavern, which  
the inhabitants of the commune (department  
of district) of La Torre contrived to make a  
secret hiding place. This cavern in which 3  
or 4,000 might conceal themselves, was vaulted  
and shaped not unlike an oven, with clefts  
in the rocks, which served for windows, and  
even for loop holes; and prepared with re-  
cesses, which answered the purpose of watch-  
houses, from whence they might observe the  
motions of their assailants. There was also se-  
veral chambers within this vast cave, accom-  
modations for cooking meat, and a large foun-  
tain well supplied with water. It was impos-  
sible to enter it except by the hole at the top,  
and those who were in the secret, could only  
let themselves down one at a time, and by a  
very slow and gradual process, with the as-  
sistance of steps or foot-holes cut in the rock.  
In fact, it was like descending into a mine;  
and one or two resolute men might defend the  
entrance against the assault of any force that  
could be brought against them.—*History of  
the Waldenses.*

Lord Brougham, by special invitation, will  
visit the King and Queen of the French, at the  
Tuilleries, en route to England.

The Queen and Prince Albert paid two  
visits to Covent-garden Theatre last week—  
on Tuesday to see Charles Kemble in The  
Wonder, and on Thursday, to enjoy his per-  
formance of Mercutio, in Romeo and Juliet.

Printers at N. S. Wales.—Printers con-  
tinue in request at Sydney. The Monitor of-  
fers constant employment for able composi-  
tors, at £2 15s. per week, and overs hours.

Seventeen ships, with 4096 persons, sailed  
for Sydney, under the direction of the emi-  
gration agent; in 1838. Agricultural labo-  
rers received £25 a year, with board and lodg-  
ing. All the emigrants of 1838 had been pro-  
vided for.

National Calamities.—Three calamities of  
a very dreadful nature must have been remarked  
to be of frequent occurrence during the mid-  
dle ages. These were fire, famine and pesti-  
lence. The first resulted from nearly all  
buildings being of wood, and in perfect muni-  
cipal police. The second originated not only  
in bad seasons, and the desolation of war, out  
from the absence of commerce, which pre-  
vented the scarcity of one district being re-  
lieved by the redundant produce of another.

Life.—The most learned doctors contend  
that this life is only our infancy, and that we  
shall not attain to manhood until we put off  
the swaddling clothes of the body. In proof  
of this, it may be remarked that memory,  
which is the first faculty of the mind that is  
developed in children, is also the one that is  
strongest in man.

Anecdote of a Sailor.—The following an-  
ecdote is so creditable to our countryman, the  
late lamented Admiral Sir F. Maitland, that  
we cannot withhold it from our readers. When  
in command of the Loire, Capt. Maitland  
agreed with Capt. Dixon, of the Apollo, that  
they should share between them whatever  
prize-money fell to their lot. Capt. Dixon's  
life was a short one, and he left a widow in  
circumstances far from affluent. Mrs. Dixon  
was one morning waited on by a gentleman,  
who tendered for her acceptance a Bank  
Cheque for £25,000. Surprised and hesita-  
ting, Mrs. Dixon objected to take so munifi-  
cent a sum. Capt. Maitland's answer was  
quite characteristic, and does him infinite hon-  
or.—"My agreement with my friend Dixon  
was not an agreement for life, it was to con-  
tinue during the war; this money, Madam, is  
therefore fairly yours."

The last Knight of Malta.—The Chevalier  
de Beaumont, one of the last of the French  
Knights of the order of St. John of Jerusa-  
lem, died at Malta last month in the 77th year  
of his age. It appears there now exists only  
one member of that order, and he belongs to  
the "langue d'Italie." M. de Beaumont, be-  
ing a lunatic, was allowed to remain in Mal-  
ta after its capture by the French.

Louis Philippe, has sent the Grand Cross of  
the Legion of Honor to Prince Albert. He  
has sent Queen Victoria an autograph letter  
congratulating her on her marriage.

Verily, the day approacheth when it will  
not be considered a very extraordinary feat  
for a man to "put a girdle round about the  
earth in forty minutes!" Several travellers  
who passed over the line of the Wilmington  
and Weldon Railroad, a few days ago, reach-  
ed New York in 7 days from Cuba! They  
had four days passage, from Havana to Char-  
leston, and three from Charleston to New  
York.

A Quiet Mind.—Nothing contributes more  
to an easy and quiet mind than a disregard  
of the praise and despising the censures and  
reproaches of others; the man is still the same,  
which his own actions and the judgments of  
God make him; this is the standard of our  
worth and happiness; true friendship is like  
sound health, the value of which is seldom  
known unless it be lost.