When rosy lips aways ap and smiled—A silvery child-voice said, "Please w

A little girl ope'd wide the gate,
And held it till he passed quite through,
Then closed it, raising to his face
Her modest eyes of winsome blue.
"May heaven bless you, little one."
The old man said with tear-wet eyes;
"Such deeds of kindness to the eld
"Will be rewarded in the skies.',

Twas such a little thing to do-A moment's time it took—no more;
And then the dancing graceful feet
Had vanished through the school-room door.
And yet i'm sure the angels smiled.
And penned it down in words of gold;
Tis such a blessed thing to see
The young so thoughtful for the old.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A farmer sat down on a piece of hot iron in a blacksmith's shop, and in rising broke a hole in the ceiling.

An undertaker's door recently bore the following cheering inscription-" Gone for a dead man-back soon."

When a man steps up to a fire-extinguished and tries to get a drink of ice-water from it he will bear watching. " You never have a cross to bear," said a

Lusband to his wife. "No; except when you are as cross as a bear," retorted she. An officer of distinguished courage used to

say, "If battles were only fought in the nighttime there would not be so many heroes as there are. There is one "right" on which, thank

heaven, a woman cannot intrench—'tis the glorious boyish privilege of standing on your brad and turning somersaults. Swift's maxim in conversation was-take as many half minutes as you can get, but

never talk more than half a minute without pausing and giving others an opportunity to strike in. The way a London woman identified her

stolen parrot was by bringing her husband into court and scolding him. The bird soon called out, "Oh, I wish you were dead, old

A young lady sent a poem, entitled "I cannot make him smile," to a newspaper. The editor ventures to express the opinion that she would have succeeded had she showed him the poem.

A colored citizen of Georgia fears he will have to exode to Kansas. He remarks: "Nebber seed sich times since I been born. Work all day and steal all night, and blessed if I can hardly make a livin'." How is it that, if a number of gentlemen

are sitting together, talking sensibly upon some sensible subject, and a lady enters, they mostly commence talking foolishly, and keep it up until she makes her exit? Traveller: "Here, waiter, take this steak

away and give it to the poor. It's tough as-Waiter (blandly): "We've never had no complaints, sir." Traveller: " No; because that wretched old cow had them all." Mathimony.- "Marriage resembles a pair

of shears," says Sydney Smith, "so joined that they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.

A person inquiring at one of the north railway stations at what time the 7 45 train would start, was sharply answered, "At a quarter to eight." Bless me!" exclaimed the inquirer, you are always changing the time on this

big prize in the lottery always lives in a town about five hundred miles distant-Keokuk Constitution. My uninitiated friend, it is because that is about as close as they ever get .-Bloomington Eye.

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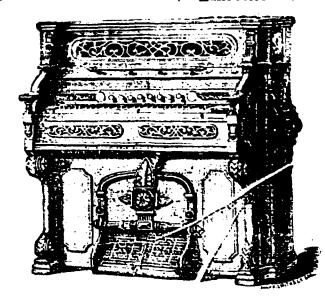
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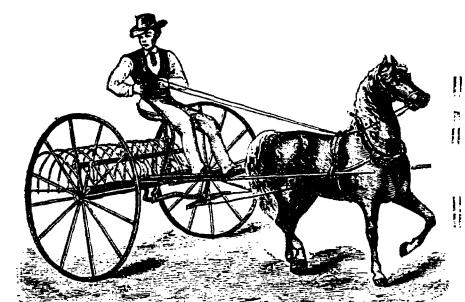
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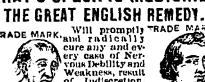
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