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MICKY'S LUCK.

For the C. Herald.
The neighbors called him Micky,—and
"strapping boy" was he;
A manly form, a brawny hand,
And hale as hale could be.

Micky, besides his farm, maintained
Of hocks and herts a score;
By honest labor fairly gained,
And yet he wished for more.

For Micky had a single fault,—
Stincy and hard was he;
But yet he was punished, as he ought,
As by and by you'll see.

He wished no children round his knee,
And weelock long delayed;
Till, hoping for no progeny,
He married an old maid.

When scarce a year had flown away,
Micky was roused one night,
To fetch his mother-in-law,
And in her second sight.

Then, musing at the kitchen stove,
On times and things gone by,
He suddenly exclaimed, "The John,
How an index cry!"

The granny came and shook her head,
(Was it with age or fear?)
And musing straight to Micky, said,
"Here, hold the child, my dear."

"God's will," he said, and held his arm,
To clasp the tiny thing;
And half with joy, and half alarm,
To soothe it, tried to sing.

While thus employed a twin was brought,
And held for him to see;
But though he shuddered at the thought,
They laid it on his knee.

Ever long from out the inner room,
They cried, a third has come!
And Micky, smitten by his doom,
Remained a moment dumb.

Then springing to his feet with haste,
(His speech came back to him),
"Bodad, I'll go and fetch the Prast,
And put a stop to him."

He seized his hat, and spite of all,
His first-born steed he took;
While whistling with beseeching call,
Pursued him down the road.

Good Father John had long before,
Retired for good and true,
When Micky, thundered at the door,
And thus the Prast addressed:

"Oh, Father John! come quick, for she
Has children in a paloo;
Before I left they showed me three,
And soon there will be four."

THE CRANBERRY SWAMP.

AND WHAT GREW THERE.
BY AMY RANDOLPH.

"There's only one alternative left for me, Edith," said Dr. Garland, sternly, "and that is, to send her away."

"Miss Keziah, his maiden sister, wiped her eyes, mournfully.
"I'll be taking away the light of the house," she said.

"Well, but what is a man to do, when sent to prison in falling love with a girl who is as true as steel?" asked Dr. Garland, sternly, "and that is, to send her away."

"To Cousin Caleb!" echoed Keziah, holding up both her white, skinny little hands. "Why, you might as well send her to the Rocky Mountains at once, and do with it!"

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MR. BEECHER ON SWEARING.

Mr. Beecher's remarks last evening were upon swearing. There is a great difference, said he, between a judicial oath and profane swearing, although both are appeals for assistance from on high. He did not believe that any man takes in a court of justice added anything to the sanctity of the statement made. In fact, it has become a farce. A man of conscience will tell the truth under all circumstances, while a man devoid of conscience and accustomed to lying will not come nearer the truth when placed under oath.

It is disgraceful, degrading, and ignominious to call upon God upon every petty occasion, and use his name as a word of power. He who has any spirit would permit another to cast epithets upon his mother, wife, sister, or any one that is dear to him. Yet he does not permit another to say anything of whom we should love better than all else, is called upon to damn others, and lend assistance to all that is vile and cruel.

He was sorry to say that women swore—women of culture and eminent in society, women that in the presence of a man of letters and of high position, spoke of the alarming prevalence of the vice, and wondered that women, in whose name all that is pure and good is associated, could become so degraded and so loose. There is a mother addicted to profanity would do more to injure her children than any other child the evil was widely spreading, but he hoped he was mistaken in his extent.

There are men standing high in society, good to their families, and looked upon with great favor by their fellow-men, who are guilty of this vice. They do not know what they are doing, and do not care anything by it; it is more thoughtless than a sin, and that is not to be forgiven. A sacred reverence which they owe to their Creator that must not be disregarded. Like stealing, which becomes such a habit with some that they really do not know what they are doing, so does profane swearing become habitual. Young men will enter the society of the refined and cultivated and pollute the atmosphere around them with vile oaths, and when forced to leave by the police or others, and remonstrated with for their conduct, they will say, "What do you care? Really it was pure thoughtlessness."

Some will tell you that it is not the bad and evil disposed who are profane swearers. There is a General, a fine, brave man, the very soul of honor, whose only fault is that he swears. He is a noble man, and there is an Admiral who is likewise a good man, but indulges in profanity. Is there any excuse for such men? He claimed that a person had no more right to take the name of the Lord in vain than he had to insult him or his family, and closed by calling upon the young men in the congregation to take one oath and let that be to never again use profane language.

There has resided in the south end of Boston, for a number of years past, says the "Traveller" of that city, a man and wife—the man a kind and indulgent husband, the wife a most extraordinary woman, which the sequel of the story will show. They were in good circumstances, though not rich, and the comforts of life, but never saved up much money apparently. They had lived for many years in this way, until the other day the wife said to her husband:

"Husband, why don't you buy a house? It is so much nicer than to rent."

"But," said the wife, "wouldn't you take one if any body would give it to you?"

"Certainly," said he, little thinking it would ever come to pass.

His wife then presented him a sheet of paper. Reader, what do you think that sheet of paper was? It was a deed conveying to her the deed of a nice house in Boston, costing nearly \$7000, which amount the husband had saved out of the money that her husband had given her to spend for various things. You can judge of the surprise to her husband. How many wives would ever do that?

"What is bigger than the biggest nutmeg? A nutmeg grater."

"Malediction language" is charged against a western editor.

"Are you the mate of this ship?" asked an emigrant of the cook, who was an Irishman. "No, sir," was the reply. "I am the man who cooks the mate."

"Hop-full—Will breakfast soon be ready, mamma?" "Mamma—Yes, my dear," replied "Hop-full." "Well, papa, you may grace just now, to save time."—*Punch.*

PATRIOTISM AND THE DUTY OF THE CITIZEN.

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Boys, I'm right glad to see you, and you seem glad to see me. I saw by one of the newspapers I was going to make a speech to the newboys and bootblacks. It's no such thing; I'm just going to talk to you. [Cheers.] I think so much speaking on such an occasion is not according to God's will. Here are the newboys and bootblacks, and that is all right. Boys, this is a first edition. It's a regular "shine 'em up" sort of an affair. Now, I like boys; always did like boys; haven't forgot I was a boy myself. Sometimes I go out in the morning and go out to the capital, and a gentleman comes in bying, but in hand, and says, "I am glad to see you, Governor; that was a splendid message you sent in yesterday," and I don't know whether he means it or not. Then I go out into the street, and the boys say, "How are you, Governor?" and I don't know they mean that.

Now, Dr. Clark has said to you, newboys and bootblacks are in the same business; both have something to do with the understanding, and that is all right. There is nothing in this world like a good, clear head, and newboys are naturally so. Some boys in New York used to sell a first edition for a second. Now that isn't right, boys. No matter whether you are bootblacks, or keeping store, or in the State House, be right on the square. Never try to get the best of anybody except in the right way. By getting up a little earlier in the morning, or now, it is a little more energy, but never in any dishonest way.

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