

And when he replaced the bottle in the closet he opened it...
Yes.
How long did it stand open the last time?
Not above a minute.
Well, and when open, would the door be exactly between the...
It would.
I forget, said the counsel, "whether you said the closet...
On the left?"
Would the door of the closet make any noise in opening?
None.
Are you certain?
I am.
Have you ever opened it yourself, or only seen Mr. Smith...
I never opened it.
Did you ever keep the key?
Never.
Who did?
Mr. Smith, always."

At this moment the housekeeper chanced to cast her eyes...
His face had lost all its color, he appeared a living image of...
She no sooner saw him than she shrieked and fainted.
The consequence of her answers flashed across her mind. She...
She had been so thoroughly deceived by the manner of the advocate...
that she had been led on by one question to another, till...
she had told him all he wanted to know.
She was obliged to be taken from the court, and a physician...
was present was requested to attend her. At this time the...
attorney for the prosecution left the court, but no one knew for...
what purpose. Presently the physician came into the court, and...
stated that it would be impossible for the housekeeper to resume...
his seat in the box short of an hour or two.

It was about twelve o'clock in the day. Lord Mansfield hav-...
ing directed that the jury should be accommodated with a room...
where they could be kept by themselves, adjourned the court two...
hours. The prisoner in the meantime was remanded to jail.
It was between four and five o'clock when the Judge resumed...
his seat upon the bench. The prisoner was again placed at the...
bar, and the housekeeper brought in and led to the box. The...
court-room was crowded to excess, and an awful silence pervaded...
the place.

The cross-examining counsel again addressed the housekeeper.
I have but a few more questions to ask you," said he; "take...
heed how you answer, for your own life hangs upon a thread.—
Do you know this stopper?"
I do."
To whom does it belong?"
To Mr. Smith."
When did you last see it?"
On the night of Mr. Thompson's death."

At this moment the solicitor entered the court bringing with...
him upon a tray, a watch, two money bags, a jewel case, a...
cork stopper, and a bottle of the same manufacture as the stopper...
having a cork in it. The tray was placed on the table in sight...
of the prisoner and the witness, and from that moment not a...
doubt remained in the mind of any man of the guilt of the pri-...
soner.

A few words will bring this melancholy tale to a close. The...
house where the murder was committed was between nine and...
ten miles distant. The solicitor, as soon as the cross-examina-...
tion of the housekeeper had discovered the existence of the closet...
and its situation, had set off on horseback with two sheriff's officers...
and after pulling down a part of the wall of the house, had de-...
tected this important place of concealment. Their search was...
well rewarded; the whole of the property belonging to Henry...
Thompson was found there, amounting in all to some thousand...
pounds; and to leave no room for doubt, a bottle was discovered...
which medical men pronounced to contain the very identical poi-...
son which had caused the death of the unfortunate Thompson.
The result was too obvious to need explanation.

It scarcely need be added that Smith was convicted and ex-...
ecuted.

ABD-EL-KADER'S WIVES AND CHILDREN.

In the second room were the three colored wives of Abd-el-...
Kader on their mattresses, with their children in their arms.—
The faces of the latter are very pretty. Their heads are entirely...
shaved. They say "bon jour!" and shake hands very willingly.
The women are all latticed in white stuff, a sort of long gown...
and double ruffles of muslin or cloth, fastened at the breast by...
circles of silver. On their naked feet they wear rings of the...
same metal. Their head-dresses conceal their hair entirely.—
Their ears are pierced for immense earrings, which reach as...
low as their shoulders. Some of the women in this room were...
tattooed on their face and arms in a most curious manner. They...
appeared resigned to their fate, but much astonished at the scenes...
of the surrounding world. The third room is the most curious...
after all. It is a large saloon, darkened by the partial closing of...
the shutters, the faint light that obtains ingress being increased...
by that of an enormous fire. Here we found the white wife of...
the Emir, on a sofa, watching over her children at play. She is...
about forty years old, and her face is handsome, and, though the...
expression be somewhat severe, it is by no means bad. Her...
white garments are finer and neater than those of the black con-...
cubines. Her sad glance seemed to ask Heaven what would be...
a future fate of her unhappy family. Of the two daughters of...
the Emir, one is a superb beauty.—Tribune of the Gironde.

HEATING THE OSTRICH.—The speed of the ostrich is proverbial...
and it is considered a great feat to ride one down. A Boer once...
gave the following account of a chase of this kind, for the...
purpose of which, however, I do not pretend to vouch. Having de-...
termined to lose no chance of affixing his object, he lay in wait...
in the open space where the bird was accustomed to drink, which...
he did but once a day, and then in such quantities as materially...
affected their speed, or at all events their power of endurance in...
long runs. As soon as the ostrich had drunk its fill, the Boer...
took to his horse, and followed him. He had previously ob-...
served the course which the bird usually took on leaving the...
water, and had seen on two former occasions relays in case of ne-

cessity. This precaution was not superfluous, for it was only...
until the third horse was ridden to a stand still, that he was able...
to come alongside of the object of his pursuit, and to give the...
halloo of victory. His triumph was nearly bought, for of the...
three horses he had ridden, two lay dead upon the plain, and the...
third never completely recovered from this terrible burst. Swift...
as he is, however, the employment of a simple stratagem renders...
the ostrich an easy victim to his pursuers. A stern chase is...
a very long one, and, well aware of this truth, the hunters...
three or four in number, separate themselves, and try to head and...
surround the bird, till harassed and beset on all sides, it loses the...
power of escape, and, vainly helpless and motionless, suffers it-...
self to be captured without a struggle.—Baker's Dorr and Veld.

PUBLIC READING ROOMS, &c.—It is cheering to meet with such...
repeated proofs as are to be found in the public papers of increased...
attention to the condition and moral improvement of the working...
classes, and of the extent to which 'Temperance Halls' and Pub-...
lic Reading Rooms are springing up in all parts of the country.
We find the following acceptable intelligence in the *Stanssea*  
*Herald*:—"No place on these hills of ours is making such strik-...
ing advances in the direction of social and moral reform as...
Dowlais. Agents and employers, lay and clerical, are leaving...
no stone unturned to ameliorate the condition, and to brighten the...
prospects of the artisan. Public halls have been thrown open...
and admission free to libraries, smoking rooms, and coffee shops...
quarterly and monthly and several daily papers are taken, to-...
gether with the leading weeklies, local and otherwise; the walls...
are covered with decorative hangings and several paintings and...
portraits of well-known and long-tried friends adorn the mantel-...
pieces and beautify the whole. Among these we may name...
those of Lady Charlotte Guest, the late Sir J. J. Guest, and Dr...
Layard. Everything is done to induce the hard-working man to...
spend his nights rationally."—Temperance Herald, England.

Humorous.

A little nonsense now and then,  
Is relished by the wisest men.

10. An Irishman lost his hat in a well and was let down in a...
bucket to recover it;—the well being deep, his courage failed...
him before he reached the water. In vain did he call on those...
above him—they lent a deaf ear to all he said, till at last, quite in...
despair, he bellowed out, "Be St. Patrick, if ye don't be aither...
drawing in' me up, I'll cut the rope!"

MAIDEN AND THE MUSES.—Last Martinmas a girl hired her-...
self as a servant to a neighbouring farmer, and, becoming...
discontented with her place, soon returned home, making the...
following explanatory and apologetic declaration:—

For my tea I had water bewitched!  
There was sugar, but sorely begrudg'd.  
And the bread, it was brown, without butter;  
So I pack'd, got my wages, and tradg'd.

AS LIKELY AS NOT.—A merchant in New York inquired of a...
countryman the character of a dealer in his neighbourhood who made...
a great profession of religion, and applied to the merchant for...
credit. The countryman replied that *Godward*, the dealer, was...
accounted a very honest, upright man; but *Manward*, he was a...
little twistical or so.

"Barney, where have you been?" "To widow Tullony's...
ball, and an ill-gint time we had of it—four fights in fifty min-...
utes, and a knock down with the watchman that left but one...
whole nose in the house, and that belonged to the wa-kettle. Be...
dad the likes was never seen since we waked Donnelly."

CURIOUS.—At an oyster-supper the other day, in Albany, there...
were present—one father, three daughters, one son, one mother...
one brother, three grand-daughters, three sisters-in-law, one un-...
cle, one brother-in-law, three aunts, four cousins, one wife, one...
nephew, one grand-son, three nieces, one husband, and three...
sisters. And yet, strange to say, there were only four persons...
present.

A husband and wife, travelling through the woods in haste...
met with a melancholy accident, which is recorded in the follow-...
ing felicitous strain:—

And while retreating through the woods,  
And through the tangled fern,  
He tore his neck—a't-mention'—'em,  
And had to put on hern!

NATIONAL.—"What is the meaning of *ex nihilo nihil fit*?"...
asked a Coit of a parish schoolmaster. "Well, Donal," said...
the domine, "I donna mind the literary (literal) translation...
but it just means that ye auna tak breck's aff a thelmanan."

Among the list of penalties for the regulation of Queen...
Elizabeth's household, was the following:—"That none toy with...
the maidens, on pain of fourpence." Heavy penalty, that.

A JOKE is told of a young couple riding home after their mar-...
riage. The day had been cloudy, and the young man, after...
seeing the clouds break away, said,

"I hope we shall soon have a little sun."  
The young wife replied very modestly,  
"As for me, I should rather have a little daughter."  
"Sallie, what time does your folks dine?"  
"Soon as you goes a way, dat's missus orders."

SHORT SUPPLY OF SHOES FOR THE MILLION.—A shopkeeper...
in Drury Lane, London, informs the public, through the medium...
of an enormous placard over his door, that he has 20,000 pair of...
shoes for the million. It is evident that 990,000 of his custom-...
ers must go without shoes to their feet; for if he supplies the...
million out of 20,000, Cocker will tell him there must be the...
deficiency to which we have alluded.—Punch.

THREE CHEERS.—One Sunday, during high mass, at twelve...
in the chapel of the little village of Glengarriff, three ladies of the...
protestant faith were obliged to take shelter from one of those...
heavy summer showers which so frequently occur in the south...
of Ireland. The officiating priest, knowing who they were, and...
wishing to appear respectful to them, stooped down to his attend-...
ant or clerk, who was on his knees, and whispered to him "three...
cheers for the Protestant ladies." The clerk, who was rather an...
ignorant man, mistook the word, stood up, and shouted to the...
congregation, "Three cheers for the Protestant ladies," which the...
congregation immediately took up, and gave three hearty cheers...
while the clergymen solemnly stood dumb-founded.



Ladies' Department.

LOVE.

A voice from the opening flowers,  
A tone from the dim old woods,  
A sound from the grateful rain,  
A shout from the bounding floods,  
A whisper among the leaves,  
A light from the orbs above,  
And the myriad notes of the meadows and streams,  
Speak evermore of love.

The song of the summer bird  
With his music glad and free,  
The restless wandering wind,  
And the ever-flowing sea,  
All the voices of gay delight,  
Around us and above,—  
Pour out to their Maker for evermore  
One anthem-strain of love.

The sigh of the autumn wind,  
The midnight's audible moan,  
The cry of the orphan child,  
And the tear of the mourning one,  
Earth's weary hum of toil  
From her sorrowing tribes that rove,  
The cradle-plaint, and the darkening tomb,—  
But strengthen the links of love.

ALL HONOR TO MICHIGAN WOMEN.

We have accounts from various sources of the wonderful...
activity and success of the women in favor the Maine Law, in...
Michigan, at the late election, 20th ult. One friend writes as...
follows:

B. O. HOOVER.—Permit me through the columns of your valu-...
able organ, to relate an incident that I witnessed in Michigan...
during the election of the 20th ult. I was at that time in the...
town of Leoni, a town that has for years been known as one of...
the worst run sinks in the State, but which has (thanks to a...
Division of Sons, organized last October,) wonderfully improved...
in the past year. The friends of temperance and its foes were...
both on the alert, and using all their influence to bring about a...
result in accordance with their respective wishes. To ensure the...
triumph of the law on the 20th, the Sons called in the influ-...
ence of the ladies, who turned out to the number of some fifty or...
sixty, and placed themselves at the polls. Immediately upon the...
arrival of an anti-Maine law man the ladies would surround and...
argue with him, answering his objections, singing temperance...
songs, and pleading with him in behalf of the cause of humanity...
until they would overcome his prejudices and caused him to vote...
for the law. In this way they influenced over fifty votes which...
would otherwise have been cast against the law prohibiting the...
traffic in the devil's dye stuff. There was one old gentleman...
(Mr. C.) who resisted all the entreaties and persuasions of his...
male friends, he was accosted by Mrs. P., to whom he shortly...
yielded, voted for the law, and then used his whole influence dur-...
ing the remainder of the day, in favor of the law. A Mr. P. was...
cornered by the ladies for two hours, but finally had to yield; and...
various other instances might be mentioned, had I the time to...
narrate them. I would, in conclusion, say to the ladies of the...
Empire State, that if they will imitate their sisters in Michigan...
it will not be long until they have the satisfaction to know that...
the accursed poison is banished from your beautiful State.

The Michigan Advocate also speaks in warm terms of the ladies...
of Leoni, and adds striking instances of the value of woman's ef-...
forts in other places.

In Tecumseh, the principal ladies of the village organized and...
appointed committees to induce the voters of the town to go and...
vote for the law, and they rendered efficient service to the cause.

In Grand Rapids a committee of two hundred ladies attended...
the election and electioneered all day for the Maine law.

In this city ladies visited the stores and places of business...
distributing votes, and politely inviting the gentlemen to vote for...
the law. One Irish woman led her intemperate husband to the...
ballot box, and saw him vote "yes."

In many other places in the State the ladies were equally active...
in behalf of the good cause. God bless them!—N. Y. Organ.

SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.—At a temperance celebration in...
P. Michigan, a banner was stretched across the street...
with a Maine Law motto upon it. The cart to which the banner...
was attached, rested across the corner of a liquor seller's shop...
and his feelings were so grossly outraged that, with a knife, he...
sundered the rope, and let the banner down in the street. A lady...
who was an active participant in getting up the meeting, and a...
wide-souled temperance woman, rebuked the scoundrel for his...
involence, and told him that "God would paralyze the hand that...
did the ungentlemanly deed." Shortly afterwards when this man...
was on a hunting excursion, by an accidental discharge of his...
shot-gun, that hand that cut down the banner, was torn all to...
pieces, and he was rendered a cripple for life. We do not say