

## DOMESTIC LIFE.

He cannot be an unhappy man who has the love and smile of woman to accompany him in every department of life. The world may look dark and cheerless without—enemies may gather in his path, but when he returns to the fireside, and feels the tender love of woman, he forgets his cares and troubles, and is a comparatively happy man.

He is but half prepared for the journey of life, who takes not with him that friend who will forsake him in no emergency—who will divide his sorrows—increase his joys—lift the veil from his heart, and throw sunshine amid the darkest scenes.

No, that man cannot be miserable who has such a companion, be he ever so poor, despised, and trodden upon by the world.

The man who resolves to live without woman is an enemy of the community in which he dwells, injurious to himself, destructive to the world, an apostate from nature, and a rebel against heaven and earth.

## PERMANENT BEAUTY.

Permanent beauty is not that which consists in symmetry of form, dignity of mien, gracefulness of motion, loveliness of colour, regularity of features, goodness of complexion, or cheerfulness of countenance; because age and disease, to which all are liable, and from which none are exempt, will, sooner or later, destroy all these. That alone is permanent beauty, which arises from the purity of the mind, and the sanctity of the heart, and agreeableness of the manners, and chasteness of the conversation. If the outward form be handsome, it appears to greater advantage; and if it be not so, it is as easily discerned, and as justly appreciated.

## A TRUE WIFE.

With a true wife, the husband's faults should be a secret. A woman forgets what is due to herself, when she condescends to that refuge of weakness, a female confidante. A wife's bosom should be the tomb of her husband's failings, and his character far more valuable in her estimation, than his life. If this be not the case, she pollutes her marriage vow.

## Items of News.

**THE NAVIGATION OF SHIPS AT SEA.**—It has long been the practice of vessels upon a wind meeting each other to pass on the port side, the vessel on the starboard tack keeping her course, and the one on the larboard tack giving way. But this rule was not till recently embodied in our statute law. Steam-vessels were, by a former act, required to exhibit lights, and pass on the larboard hand; but by the 14th and 15th Vic., cap. 79, ss. 26, 27, and 28, the law formerly applicable only to steam-vessels, is now extended to sailing-vessels. The new act received the royal assent so lately as the 7th of August last, and will come into operation on the 31st December.

The scarcity of volunteers for the navy is felt now, not only by the large ships, but by small vessels, which were wont to be manned in a few hours. There is scarcely a ship at the ports that has her complement, whether flag ship, harbour ship, advanced ship, or full sea-going vessel.—*United Service Gazette.*

**SINGULAR CASE.**—The *Round Courier* records the following singular case:—About a month ago, the daughter of a citizen of Napanoch, Ulster county, fell into a deep sleep, at about mid-day, without any previous monition, lasting an unusual time; and since then recurrent attacks have followed at intervals, one of which, an apparently profound slumber, lasted within a few hours of six days! During all this period of sleep, about a wine-glass full of milk was all the nutriment that could be administered. Every effort to arouse her from these torpors fails, save with a remarkable exception. The voice of a former pastor of the church at N. appears to arouse consciousness, and with some exertion on his part, the spell is broken for a time. The case seems to baffle all medical skill thus far. The girl is about fifteen years of age.

**SIR JOHN FRANKLIN AND THE CLAIRVOYANT.**—The *Edinburgh Advertiser* calls attention to the following singular circumstance connected with the search for Sir John Franklin:—

"On the 17th of February last a clairvoyant, whose revelations are given in Dr. Gregory's late work, stated that Capt. Austin was at that moment in lon. 95 deg. 45 min. west, which corresponds exactly with the actual position of the place, where he is now found to have passed the winter. According to her statement, Sir John Franklin was at the same time in lon. 101 deg. 45 min. or about 400 miles to the westward; he had been previously relieved, and a third ship was then frozen up along with his two."

**THE QUICKEST VOYAGE TO CHINA.**—The *Chrysolite*, a clipper ship, built at Aberdeen by the Messrs. Hall, for the Liverpool and China trade, has recently made the voyage from Liverpool to Anjier in eighty days. This is the quickest trip on record. The *C.* was built to contest the voyage with the *Oriental*, a ship which had previously gone the distance in eighty nine days.