

Choice Miscellany.

LOVE'S CREED.

I hold one simple faith throughout the days That wear so slowly to an unknown end— A faith which glorifies the darkest ways That lead me to my friend.

"KATRINA."

One evening, in the far-off Fatherland, as she leaned over the gate and waited for the coming of the red-checked and flaxen-haired Fritz, she shyly whispered to herself: "In a little time we shall be married. My mother will live with us, and Fritz will whistle and I will sing all day long in our happiness. Ah! Fritz! So jolly! So honest! So truthful! Was ever another boy like him?"

In a week Fritz was on his way, and if Katrina's blue eyes were never clear of tears his heart was never free from pain. By and by a letter came from him—then another and another; and for a year Katrina was happy. He had found work and was doing well. He loved her with all his soul—he would work and save and return to her.

A month later Katrina was walking the streets of the city in which her Fritz was living. She did not know his abiding place, but she would walk and walk—she would enquire of every kind-faced man—she would whisper her errand to every woman, and she would find Fritz.

Her eyes were so glad—and they would be so happy, and the thought of it brought such smiles to her face that men turned to look and wonder. One—two—three days of weary and fruitless search, but she was not discouraged. On the fourth day, as she wandered up and down, her heart suddenly stood still. Out from a side street came her Fritz. Yes, she would know him among ten thousand. The same red cheeks—the same flaxen hair—the same smile of good-nature.

faithless lover. "Poor Fritz—perhaps it was best!" she murmured. Next moment the fierce tide was bearing her body away, and the heart which had kept faith so long and trusted so well was stilled in death.—Detroit Free Press.

SETTING A HEN.

DEAR SIR: I see dot most efforpy writes something for de schicken bapen nowtays, and I thought praps meppe I can do dot, too, so I write all apout vat dook blace mit me lasht summer.

You know—oder if you dond know den I dells you—dot Katrina (dot is mine vrow) und me ve keep some schickens for a long time ago, und von tay she salt to me.

"Katrina! Katrina!" Und ven she koom und see me shtuck in de parrel up to mein armoehles mit mein face all blood und aigs, py cholly she shtuck lait town on de hay und laft und laft till I got so mat I said: "Vor you lay dere ond laf like a oot rook, ah? Vy dond you koom bull me ond?"

"Katrina, vill you bull me ond dis parrel?" Und she see dot I look booty ret, so she said: "Of course I vill, Sockery."

"Den she lait me und de parrel town on our sidt, und I dook holt de doon sill und Katrina she bull on de parrel; but de first bull she mate I yelled: "Donner und bitzen! shtop dot! By cholly, dere ich nails in de parrel!"

"Sockery, doud you goin to pud some aigs under dot oit luf hen?" Den I salt in my deepest voice: "Katrina, if you offer say dot to me again I'll get a pill for you—help me chiminy gracious!"

—Correspondence to The American Poultry Yard.

HER LOVE TREASURE.

Tennyson quotes Dante when he says,—"This is truth the poet sings. That a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things."

There was evidently in this little woman, laborious and so good, a noble courage, which took its source in noble sentiments; and she was asked to take without payment the modest bundle of which she had been so long deprived. Then they comprehended the beautiful spirit of this unfortunate worker. The little bundle was a petticoat and a woman's shawl, of some cheap stuff.

As it was opened, she took the things in both hands and covered them with kisses and tears. This was all that was left to her by her poor mother, who had died fifteen years before, and to preserve these precious relics she had borne her pious tribute as one places flowers upon the tomb.

RESPECT FOR BREAD.

The Egyptians are temperate and very frugal. They show great respect for bread, nor suffer the smallest portion to be wasted. Their word for it, "eyeh," which means "life," recalls the English term, "the staff of life."

Lane, the Orientalist, who lived many years in intimate association with Egyptians of all classes, says he has often seen them pick up a piece of bread, which had accidentally fallen in the street or road. The finder, after putting it before his lips and forehead three times, as expressive of his esteem, would place it on one side, in order that a dog might find and eat it. He considered it a sin to allow even a crumb of bread to be trodden under foot.

A similar idea used to rule in New England households, and every child was taught to throw crumbs where they might be found by the birds. Lane tells a story which he heard from several persons, as illustrative of the Egyptian's excessive respect for bread.

One of the servants rose, from respect to the grantees, whom, regarding him with indignation, exclaimed, "Which is the more worthy of respect, the bread that is before me, or myself?" Without waiting for a reply, he made a well-understood signal with his hand, and the unintended offender was beheaded on the spot.

The story seems incredible; Lane himself doubted it; but even if coined, it shows how excessive must be the respect for bread to furnish a foundation for such a terrible tale.

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