

Flowers of Winter.

A VALENTINE.

In summer days when passing, by a garden hedge of roses, I said, "Ah me! the winter drear No bloom like this d' winters?"

But winter came, and when the wind All frothy, keen was blowing, I met each morn a little maid, With cheeks so redly glowing!

I said, "Why! here again I find The roses I lamented!" And summer flowers no more regret, With winter's bloom contented."

Marrying for Money.

"Society is getting into a strange state," said a very observant middle-aged lady the other day. "It seems as if every one were 'fortune-hunting' at our best-known summer resorts. I have been away all summer, and have had abundant means of studying the young people. From my observations during the past few seasons I have come to the conclusion that the idea that money is the only thing in life worth living for is growing steadily year by year. Haven't you noticed how few matches have been reported as the result of the past vacation? Well, it seems to me that the first thing girls ask nowadays when they meet a young fellow is, 'How much money has he?' and the young gentlemen in their turn inquire: 'Has she got any money?' A week or two ago I was talking to a charming girl at Bar Harbor, and the subject turned to marriage. Her ideas on the subject were expressed with the greatest sincerity, and with innocence that was charming! When I referred to so-called 'marriages for money,' and expressed the opinion that they usually resulted unhappily, she exclaimed, 'Why, I should consider it an insult if any one asked me to marry if he wasn't rich.' This seems to be a fast-growing, if not a prevailing opinion among the youth of both sexes to-day. The mamma goes to the summer resorts with the hope of making 'good' matches for their daughters—'good' in a pecuniary sense, I mean—and the girls soon imitate their mother's ideas.

"Well, how is it with the fellows? They go fortune-hunting, too. Both have an idea that by marriage they must better their financial condition in the world, and the result is, as I stated, that fewer matches are made than formerly. It is getting so that a hundred-thousand-dollar fellow hates to 'throw himself away' on a ten-thousand-dollar girl, and vice versa. Each wishes to better his or her condition. I read a few days ago of a lady who said she had met sixty girls this summer who would never marry because they thought they could not wed a large quantity of money. Isn't it ridiculous! Yes, society is getting into a strange state, and I sigh for those good old days when 'love in a cottage, was quite enough for the young people. Love is the only source of true happiness, and these money matches cause more unhappiness than anything else in the world."—Boston Gazette.

The Fox and the Hen.

A FABLE WITH MANY MORALS.

"How big a brood shall you have this year, madam?" said the Fox to the Hen, one cold winter evening in the barn-yard.

"What's that to you?" said the Hen to the Fox.

"Supper!" replied the Fox promptly. "Well, I don't know," said the Hen, in reply: "I may have ten; but I never count my chickens before they are hatched."

"Quite right," said the Fox, "neither do I, and, as a hen in the present is worth ten chickens in the future, I will eat you now." So saying, he carried her off.

The next morning the farmer, seeing the tracks of the fox in the snow, took his gun and went out and shot him. "Aha!" said the Fox, "I should have waited for the ten chickens; there is no snow in summer time."—St. Nicholas Almanac.

Henry Clay.

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