

Selected Poetry.

WOMAN.

[Otway.]

O woman! lovely woman: Nature made thee
To temper man: we had been brutes without you!
Angels are painted fair to look like you;
There is in you all that we believe of heaven—
Amazing brightness, purity and truth,
Eternal joy and everlasting love.

[Moore.]

Woman, dear woman, thou'rt still the same
While beauty breathes through soul of frame;
While man possesses heart or eyes,
Woman's bright empire never dies.

[Beaumont.]

The bleakest rock upon the loneliest heath
Feels in its barrenness some touch of spring;
And in the April dew, or beam of May,
Its moss and lichen freshen and revive;
And thus the heart most sacred to human pleasure
Melts at the tear—joys in the smile—of woman.

[Scott.]

O woman! in our hours of ease
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light, quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou!

Facts and Scraps.

When your cake of maple sugar has too much sand in it, the political economist of the Burlington Hawkeye says you can fasten it on the wall and use it to strike matches on.

During the last snow storm here in Rochester, a little four-year-old, the child of a lady in the second ward, became anxious for the future, and said to her mamma, "Mamma, Dad ain't saving a bit of snow for next winter."—Rochester Press.

An intelligent Burlington hunting dog, that had a rather busy time last season, went down to a tinshop one day 1st week and had his hindings and back plated with sheet iron. And now, when he sees his master looking at the gun he smiles and remarks that he is ready to hunt in front of the best fancy shot in Burlington.

"But I pass," said a minister in the West End, one Sunday, in dismissing one of his subjects to take up another. "Then I'll make it spades!" yelled a man from the gallery who was dreaming the happy hours away in an imaginary game of euchre. It is needless to say that he went out on the next deal, being assisted by one of the deacons with a full hand of clubs.

An agricultural society offered a premium for the best mode of irrigation, which was printed irritation by mistake. An honest farmer sent his wife to claim the prize.

"Madam," said a certain one to Mrs. Brown, the other day, "you are talking simple rubbish." "Yes, sir," replied the ever-crushing lady, "because I wish you to comprehend me."

A naturalist says crows have a habit of sitting in solemn conclave to try an offender, with counsel for and against him, in real legal style. So it seems that the offender's fate is settled by a crowbar.

A Massachusetts girl earned five dollars and the gratitude of neighboring farmers by killing potato bugs. Then she took the money and bought her lover a flute. Let us draw a veil over the scene.

"Bob, can you tell me why I'm like the moon when it is twenty-three days old?" Bob couldn't tell, and the questioner explained: "Because I've passed my last quarter." A small loan was advanced immediately.

The Rev. John Dickson, who flourished towards the end of the seventeenth century, is said to have used the following expressions in public prayer: "Dibble the kail seed of grace in our hearts, and if we grow not up gude kail make us gude sprouts at least."

A French author says: "When I lost my wife every family in the town offered me another; but when I lost my horse no one offered to make him good."

When Sir Walter Scott was urged not to prop the fallen credit of one of his acquaintances, he replied: "The man was my friend when my friends were low, and I will be his now that his enemies are many."

"Have you any marble or plaster busts of Psyche?" asked a Chicago lady at an art store. "No," was the reply of the polite but rather verdant clerk, "we have busts of most all the great men, but none of Sankey." The woman did not attempt a further explanation.

OPEN CONFESSIO.—An old attorney said a little before his death, that he had been reckoned a very great rascal, and he believed he was so, for he had done many roguish and infamous things in his profession; "but," added he, "by what I can observe of the rising generation, the time may come, and you may live to see it, when I shall be accounted a very honest man in comparison with those attorneys who are to succeed me."

A boy of five years was "playing railroad" with his sister of two and a half years. Drawing her upon a footstool, he imagined himself both the engine and conductor. After imitating the puffing noise of the steam, he stopped and called out "New York," and in a moment after "Patterson," and then "Philadelphia." His knowledge of towns was now exhausted, and at the next place he cried "Heaven." His little sister said eagerly, "Top! I des I'll dit out here."

A young man home from college wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning, pointed to a star and said: "Sis, do you see that bright little luminary? It is bigger than this whole world!" "No taint," said Sis. "Yes it is," declared the collegian. "Then why don't it keep off the ain?" was the triumphant rejoinder.

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