THE LITTLE HOUSEWIFE.

We called her Mattie. Early with the lark
Her merry voice gave greeting to the sun,
For pearly dawn must grow to gruesome dark
Before her round of duties should be done.

Her eager feet sped through the house all day,
Mamma and man watched for her little form;
Who else could hold such firm and gentle sway,
Or quell the rising of each household storm?

"What beauty had she?" We could not have told
If one so fair had ever lived or been,
For loveliness of every form and mould
We thought was worn by our own household queen.

Our lives were guided by her gentle power;
Through her right seemed to triumph over wrong;
Her smile would brighten e'en the darkest hour;
Her sweet "Good-night" was our best even-song.

MY OWN SUICIDE.

A Very French Story.

I.

I had resolved to kill myself; there was no longer any doubt that Amelia was faithless to me.

Let me be sure about it—was it Amelia her name was? To think that she once held my life, as it were, in her little hand, and I can't recollect to save my soul what her name was.

Anyhow, whoever she was, she had proved false to me, and, as I was very young at the time, I had promptly come to the resolution to destroy myself. My first intention was to go and blow out my brains all over her stair carpet, but then I reflected that every one would know that Henrietta—come to think of it her name was Henrietta—had infatuated me and turned my head. "No," said I to myself, "no scandal, no publicity! Let me intimate the wounded stag, which, seeking to hide its fatal hurt, betakes itself to the most secret thickets, there to perish far from all human eyes."

II.

In this elegiac disposition I took the 5:30 train for Melun, which set me down just at dusk within a few steps of the Golden Lion, a very well kept inn with clean beds and a capital table.

"What will Monsieur have for supper?" said a charming little mistress.

"Nothing—supper would be a mockery. Show me my tomb—my room, I mean."

I retired to my couch, but not to sleep. In my fevered dream I beheld Victoria—I am confident it was Victoria after all—passing, leaning upon the arm of my hated rival. I clutched madly at his throat and seized—the iron railing of the bedstead, or the marble slab of the little table by my bedside. I rose unrefreshed, but what of that—I was about to die—ha! ha! to die.

Having dressed myself I went in search of a rope. You may think that when a person wants to hang himself nothing is easier than to find a rope, but I had to hunt the hotel high and low before I could find one.

"What on earth do you want of a rope, Monsieur?" said the pretty mistress when finally she found me one.

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"What good will it do you to hang yourself? Tell me, if you can, what useful purpose will be subserved. Either the woman has a heart, or she has not. If she has no heart—"

"She has none—none."

"Of course she has none. Therefore your death will only be agreeable to her—will only flatter her. It is a big advertisement for a woman to have a man kill himself on her account. What will the public say, the boys? They'll say, 'Charles was an ass—a silly ass.' Yes, Charles, everybody will say you are a silly ass, and everybody will be right in saying so."

I waxed eloquent, in point of fact, for some moments it had occurred to me that I was arguing my own case, pleading for my own life. I heaped fact upon fact, added argument to argument, with such earnestness and closeness of reasoning that my friend Charles at last fell into my arms and cried, "You are right, you are right; bid me do whatever you would and I will obey you."

"All right," said I, "let us go and get some breakfast."

VII.

I brought him back to the Golden Lion. I was terribly hungry.

The table at which we seated ourselves was neatly set, and aided one's appetite by its snowy linen, its glittering glassware, its golden-brown loaves, its yellow butter.

When a thick and juicy steak with potatoes had been served up to us, lapping our poisoned nostrils in the elysium of its appetizing odors and stained our knives with its vermeil essence, and we had tasted the first glass of some remarkably particular Bordeaux, we were rapturously silent, but our speaking eyes said—nay, shouted, "Well, life isn't such a bad thing after all."

"If I hadn't met you," said Charles, reaching across the table to squeeze my hand.

"If I hadn't met you," I thought, as I returned his cordial grasp.

"It was the most remarkable piece of luck I ever heard of," he continued: "I dont suppose that a human being goes through that copse twice a month."

I remained discreetly silent.

"But I say, you know," he went on, as if a sudden light had flashed upon him, "what were you doing in that lonely part of the wood at that early hour of the morning?"

I could not help blushing guiltily.

"You were going to hang yourself, too."

"I was—upon the very same tree. Here's the rope I had in my pocket."

"The best joke I ever heard of," said Charley, as we clinked our glasses.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

Asking Questions—Where the Line is Drawn.

Detroit Free Press.

In a few days more the census man will take his book under his arm and start out to make his mark on the decade. Under the new law they have a legal right to ask about five hundred questions, but there is such a thing as a census man going too far. It is well enough for defenceless families to know where the line is drawn.

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The Kafirs—Are They Descended From One of Alexander's Colonies?

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TIMELY TOPICS.

Wheeling can make 3,500,000 pounds of nails a week.

The volunteer force of England now numbers 200,000 men.

Philadelphia has imported ten million cocoanuts this season.

London has thirteen thousand distinct charitable institutions.

John Morrissey's estate turns out to be nothing but $40,000 in debts.

The bogus diploma business is again the subject of Philadelphia dispatches.

A tunnel under the St. Lawrence river at Montreal is to be undertaken.

Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday schools, was a patent medicine pedlar.

Gen. Garfield's letter contains about 2,272 words and Gen. Hancock's about 979 words.

During the past six years $50,000,000 have been invested in Long Island watering places.

England's scientific Indian frontier is a rather indistinct sort of a line just at present.

The vote of Pennsylvania in 1876 was Hayes, 384,148; Tilden, 366,204; Hayes' majority, 17,944.

Capt. Eads says his proposed ship [...]

NUBBINS OF NEWS.

EPITOME OF OCCURRENCES IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Home and Foreign Intelligence Carefully Compiled—Personal, Social and Political Potpourri—Various Doings the World Over.

Washington.

The Assistant United States Treasurer at New York was instructed to purchase $7,000,000 of United States bonds for the sinking fund.

The value of exports of petroleum and petroleum products for the twelve months ended June 30, $35,221,000; same period previous year, $40,305,249.

The Treasury Department has just transferred $5,000,000 in gold bullion from the New York Assay office to the Philadelphia Mint for coinage into eagles and half eagles.

Commodore Jeffers says that while the United States would keep a vessel in Spanish waters, he did not apprehend any further indignities to the United States flag, since so much excitement has been caused throughout the country by the indignities heretofore imposed.

Postal business last year: Letters, 168,572,000; postal cards, 276,446,716; newspapers to subscribers and news agents, 625,173,624; magazines to subscribers and news agents, 53,472,276; books, circulars and miscellaneous printed matter, 300,845,480; articles of merchandise, 22,654,456. Grand total, 2,215,168,124. The matter all originated in this country.

The East.

Stocks are quoted low in New York.

The bankers have been in session at Saratoga.

A heavy diamond robbery is reported from Utica, N. Y.

Nine hundred German immigrants and an elephant were unloaded at Baltimore in fine style.

Dr. Tanner continues to improve, and has gained in weight prodigiously in the past few days.

An excursion train for Atlantic City from Philadelphia was telescoped. Many passengers were scalded.

The commissioners of the Worlds' Fair, to be held in New York, in 1883, have just had an important meeting in New York.

In a special trial of speed at Rochester, N. Y., Maud S and St. Julian both made records of 2:11¾, beating the best time heretofore.

A burning steamer in New York harbor, came in contact with a pier at Hunter's point, used by a lumber company. A serious conflagration followed. Loss $300,000.

In tenement No. 141 Thompson street, New York, Amadee Bigot, a French tinner, cut the throat of Mrs. Marietta Remont, a married lady, who rejected his advances. The woman died instantly. Bigot then cut his own throat.

Dr. Tanner completed his 40 days' fast Aug. 7. A New York dispatch says: At high noon the time was up, and the task finished. The crowd cheered Tanner enthusiastically. About 1,000 persons were in the hall and an immense number on the sidewalks. The Doctor drank a glass of milk and called for a Georgia watermelon. This he tapped, dug his hand into it and ate heartily. When remonstrated with he asked to be left alone, saying: "No, my lord, I am running this now." When he [...]

Swain, Jackson and Macon, N. C., contain 1,100 Indians.

H. W. Culler, of Limestone Co., Tex., claims to be growing with success the Chinese tea-plant.

The teachers in the public schools of Lexington, Ky., have charge of more than 100 pupils each.

The citizens of Mecklenburg Co., N. C., pay just about one third less taxes than they paid last year.

The rumors in relation to the serious indisposition of Senator L. Q. C. Lamar are pronounced by the Vicksburg papers incorrect.

Joseph LeConte has been appointed to the professorship of mineralogy and botany in the State Agricultural College in South Carolina.

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Foreign.

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tion nominated a full ticket, except for Governor, then passed a resolution recommending Colquitt for Governor and adjourned.

The Democratic Joint Committee, of Massachusetts, recently appointed to act as a Democratic State Central Committee, to organize a State Convention, have decided to hold a State Convention at Worcester, September 1.

A Breakfast in Mexico.

The Fonda Vera Cruziana, toward which we now bent our steps—what an appetite I had! having partaken of nothing but an orange and a cup of coffee on board the City of New Mexico—consists of a large, theatrical-looking apartment, visible from the street, surrounded by galleries and surmounted by a skylight—in fact, a sort of enclosed patio, or [...]

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"The bayonet is not a fit instrument for collecting the votes of freemen."—[Hancock's Letter of Acceptance.

Jefferson inaugurated himself simply by taking the oath of office. There is no other legal inauguration in our system.—[Hancock to Sherman, December, 1876.

Mr. Atwood, the Greenback candidate for Governor of Connecticut, says he shall vote for Hancock, and that the 7,000 Greenback voters of that state will go the same way.—[Eastern Exchange.

Bulldozing Democratic negroes appears to have been one of the features [...]

These facts bear hard on the few honest Republicans who, in their ignorance, have claimed that their party "put down the rebellion." It must grieve them to see by the official report that thirteen slave states furnished 58,955 more men for the Union army than did thirteen free states in which their party was in the majority during the war. Why, in Iowa the Republican majority has been nearly as great as the whole number of men furnished by that State to the Union army. But previous to the war Iowa was one of the reliable Democratic states. The war record, taken in connection with the election returns, indicate most clearly that Democrats enlisted, while the brave Republican boys fought and voted at home.

When Gov. Curtin called on the loyal [...]

habeas corpus and rights of protection of life and property should be preserved. This was his first order, and it embraces all of Magna Charta, and Hancock will be elected president, as was Jackson, for the reason that he possesses the Jeffersonian qualities—he is honest and he is capable.

In the name of the great Jehovah and Democratic Congress, Hancock and English demand possession of the government, to the end that harmony, honest administration and faithful public servants may discharge the official tenents of this great nation. That it may be transmitted to the latest posterity forever and eternally a free republic. [Long and prolonged applause.]

FREE BEER.

[...]

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

What There is in Wheat—Lime as a Fertilizer—The Value of Weather Signs—Miscellaneous Items.

WHAT THERE IS IN WHEAT.

The wheat grain is a fruit consisting of a seed and its coverings. All the middle part of the grain is occupied by large, thin cells, full of powdery substance, which contains nearly all the starch of the wheat. Outside the central starchy mass is a single row of squarish cells filled with a yellowish material, very rich, with nitrogenous—that is, flesh-forming matter. Beyond this again there are six thin coats or coverings, containing much mineral matter, both [...]