BETSEY BAKER.

From noise and bustle far away, Hard work my time employing, How happily I spent each day. Content and health enjoying! The birds did sing and so did I As I trudged o'er each acre. I never knew what 't was to sigh Till I saw Betsey Baker.

At church I met her, fair and neat, One Sunday in hot weather. With love I found my heart did beat, And we sang psalms together. When church was over, out she walked. But I did overtake her. Determined I should not be balked. I spoke to Betsey Baker.

Her manners were genteel and cool, And in her conversation I found she had just left boarding school
And finished her education.

Yet love made me speak out quite free. Said I: "I've many an acre. Will you give me your company?"
"I won't," said Betsey Baker.

All my entreaties were in vain, And I was forced to leave her. I suffered a most intense pain, For love brought on a fever. The doctor came, he smelt his cane, With a long face like a Quaker. Said he to me, "Where lies your pain?" Said I, "In Betsey Baker."

Because I was not bad enough He dosed me and he pilled me, And if I had taken half his stuff I think it would have killed me. So I put an end to all the strife Betwixt him and the undertaker. And what do you think did save my life? Why, thoughts of Betsey Baker.

I then again to Betsey went, Once more with love attacked her. But meantime she had got acquaint With a ramping, mad play actor. If she would have him, he did say, A lady he would make her. He cammoned her to run away, So I lost Betsey Baker.

-Boston Transcript.

A TREACHEROUS MAID

Mme. Loufourcade, the wife of an army officer during the French revolution, was applied to by the wife of another officer to afford concealment for her husband.

Mme. Loufourcade lived a short distance from the city of Lyons. She had four servants, and the main difficulty, provided the officer could reach her dwelling without discovery, was how best to guard the secret from them.

It was finally decided that one of the females should be taken into her confidence and that the officer, who was a rather effeminate looking man, should come disguised in female attire and be passed off as a cousin of Fanchette. So Fanchette, a rather pretty girl, was

made acquainted with everything.

Captain Lavergne made his appearance in due time, disguised as a woman, and so well did he look and play his part that he was not suspected by the other servants of being different from what he seemed. In order, however, to incur as little risk as possible, he pretended to be greatly fatigued by his journey, and was, soon after his arrival, shown to a private room on the upper floor, which he did not leave again for a week, it being given out that he was

At the end of the time mentioned some eight or ten soldiers made their appearance at the mansion and demanded the person of Captain Lavergne.

"If you think there is any such individual under this roof, you can make your search," replied Mme. Loufourcade.

When the servants were called together, the lady perceived that Fanchette was pale and trembling.

As soon as the officer saw her he exclaimed:

"Well, wench, did you tell the truth or not? If you did, it's all right with you, and you needn't be scared; if you didn't, it's my honest opinion you'll soon be a head shorter."

"What is this?" cried Mme. Loufourcade, in astonishment.

"Well, I don't care!" said Fanchette, assuming an impudent manner. "It's time the aristocrats was put down and made to know that other people is as good as them. I heard there was a reward of a thousand francs offered for this man, who's dared to come here and pass himself off as a female, and I thought I'd just as good a right to the money as anybody."
"And for this you have sold your soul,"

groaned her mistress.

"Don't come any religious talk over me!" cried Fanchette. "I know more of what's been going on than you think. Religion's been swept away by a decree, and death's an eternal sleep.

"That's all true, girl," chimed in the officer with an emphatic oath. "But while we're talking the man may get away. Here, guard, seize and bind all these parties.' There was no resistance made by the

mistress and her terrified servants, and in a very short time all except Fanchette were secured with cords.

"Now, girl," said the officer, with a coarse laugh, "show us the way to your sweet female cousin."

Captain Lavergne meantime was not entirely ignorant of his peril. From his window he had seen the approach of the soldiers and rightly conjectured they were in quest of himself. His apartment was so situated that he could not go down stairs and escape without being seen by some of the servants. He was alarmed, and his mind became active to devise some means of defense or escape. He had in his possession a brace of loaded pistols, and his first idea was to barricade his door and sell his life as dearly as possible, but in looking about the apartment he noticed the fireplace and discovered that the chimney was large enough to admit his person. He could see the light at the top, and it occurred to him that perhaps he might escape, and he resolved to make the trial.

Taking his pistols with him, Captain Lavergne hurriedly pushed his way up the chimney, with the view of getting on the roof, but when he had ascended some eight or ten feet he discovered to his agreeable surprise that there was a kind of recess, such as were sometimes left in old fashioned chimneys for the purpose of opening another flue whenever it might be wanted, large enough to conceal him from the view of any one

looking up from below. Hastily getting into it, he breathed a

little more freely, though still with a good deal of nervous apprehension. He feared that in coming up he had shaken down a sufficient quantity of soct to betray his manner of escape and give a clew to his place of retreat. But a glance downward at his clothes convinced him that he had little to be alarmed about in this respect—for this flue had never been much used, his garments were not badly soiled, and he could not perceive dirt enough below to attract attention.

He had not long to wait before he heard the soldiers enter the room, led by the treacherous girl.

"Ha! he escaped!" exclaimed the latter in alarm. The officer swore some terrible oaths

and fiercely demanded which way. "Either up the chimney or into some other part of the house," said Fanchette.

"He was here a few minutes ago." "Quick, men, fly about, he's not up here," cried the officer, looking up the chimney. "Two of you run out and see if he's on the roof, and the rest ransack the house! If we don't find him, we'll burn it down!"

A hurried search was apparently made of the room they were in, and then Captain Lavergne heard the soldiers in different parts of the house opening and banging doors, shouting and cursing. He felt his situation now to be very critital indeed, for should the house be fired he feared there might be no escape for him. After awhile the noise and tumult subsided, and every moment he was in trembling expectation of hearing or seeing something to indicate that the building was on fire, and he now resolved to make another bold effort for his life. He reasoned that those sent outside to see if he was on the roof had already rejoined the others, and he now resolved to gain the roof, and if he could do so undiscovered to venture a leap among the thick shrubbery at the rear of the mansion.

In the course of two or three minutes this dangerous feat was successfully executed, and Captain Lavergne found himself once more on the ground outside considerably scratched and bruised, but not seriously injured. He now heard loud voices inside and hurriedly stole

away through the shrubbery. The searching officer, not finding any trace of the man he sought, at last became enraged at the treacherous girl and accused her of deceiving him. This impression was soon strengthened into conviction by Mme. Loufourcade and the other servants, and the whole affair ended in the release of the prisoners and the arrest of Fanchette, who was herself marched off to prison, where she

After the soldiers had gone Captain Lavergne returned to the mansion to assure Mme. Loufourcade of his safety and then set off to make his escape from the country, which he accomplished and lived to return at the end of the Reign of Terror.—Exchange.

Ancient and Modern English Guns. Nelson's ship, the Victory, was designed to carry 104 guns, consisting of 32, 24 and 12 pounders, ranged on her Says that you can always cure a mule upper, main, middle and lower decks. She was also armed with a few 68-pounder carronades. The weight of her one Liniment and it will do just as well. broadside of single shotted guns was 1,104 pounds, which was considered proin those days In the accom the battle of Trafalgar, in which action this ship played so prominent a part, the bre side that she poured into the French Bucentaure is described as terrific, dismounting 20 of her adversary's guns and killing and wounding no less than 400 of her officers and men.

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The Problem of the Cradle.

Ever since the world began mothers have been rocking cradles and singing lullabies. From time immemorial the problems have existed. What can we do with this baby? Where can we put it so that it will be safe? How can we manage to secure a few intervals of peace and tranquillity? How can we still its cries and whines? How can we teach it to walk? In a word, how can we emancipate ourselves from the absorbing tyranny of these sweet babes, our offspring?

The solutions which have been invented by the solicitude, the ingenuity and the instinct of mothers have taken the form of cradles, swaddles, leading strings and gocarts. The variety of these inventions is considerable, and a description of them would form, perper's Bazar.

A Bit of Jewish Wit.

A striking commentary was recently made by a Russian Jew on the judicial corruption which sustains his country. cities of his empire and noticed a fine by A. McMillen. statue placed in front of the building.

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Why Snakes Are Harmful. A great many farmers, particularly in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, encourage the presence of snakes in their neighborhood on the theory that they destroy vermin. Naturalists are now agree they do injury by devouring toads and

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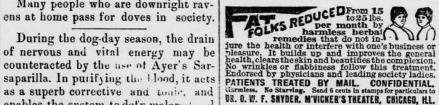


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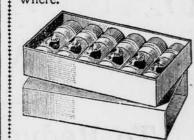
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