

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We do not desire any contributions whatever of a literary or political character...

ALL NEWS OF THE CITY...

INDIAN SUMMER.

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MATRIMONIALITIES.

Miss Sherman had a host of poems... sent her on the occasion of her marriage.

A Pulaski county (Ga.) mulatto... got to a license to marry a white woman...

A Russian proverb says: "Before... going to sea, pray three times; before getting married, pray three times."

General Sheridan won't marry... because he wants the privilege of going to bed with his boots on when he feels like it.

Miss Kramerworth has just married... a St. Paul policeman. If she tries any of her bad temper on him, he can crum her, wrath and all, into the lock-up.

New Albany has an odd genius... He now has his third wife, all of whom were divorcées. He asserts that if he was to marry a dozen times he would wed no other.

An authority says that when a woman gets to be over thirty years of age she should not marry, but who ever heard of a single woman over thirty?

'Creed. The Pittsburg Commercial... sees in the large number of recent marriages an indication that the general condition of trade is improving.

A negro magistrate in DeSha county... advocates that divorces be granted more liberally. He says: "The frequently-adopted plan of waiting to see whether children have any taste or show any love for music, is a wrong one. No child would prefer practicing scales to playing ball, and few boys, if the cultivation of their tastes depended upon the whim of their overbearing fathers, would turn into educated men. First give them the opportunity of forming a taste, and for its development, trust to the aesthetic education of their children."

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