

POETRY OF THE TIMES.

A Parody. "Give us a fowl" the housewife said, The market stalls are storming...

Poverty. In days of old she lived a wretched maid, Her humble, lowly man by all adored...

Black and Gold. Only a golden hair Found on my coat to-day— Why should my lady stare...

The Snow Fall. The snow had begun in the gloaming, And busily all the night Had been heaping field and highway...

HONEY FOR THE LADIES. Slender glass and bottles are among the useful and fashionable trinkets of the hour...

contrast. There is a "golden olive" which only brunettes may wear, and they must not say anything about it...

PEPPERMINT DROPS. Patent medicines are now made that will cure everything except hams. A New Jersey man has patented a stove that explodes at 10 o'clock at night...

A bald-headed man, who had heard that the hairs of a man's head are numbered, wants to know if there is not some place where he can obtain the back number.

Prof. Langley, of Pittsburg, discovered a remarkable new black spot upon Venus during her transit through that city. This is the usual experience of visitors in Pittsburg...

A household writer makes an essay on "How to dress a green turtle." The simplest way would be to put him into a skirt of Scotch cloth cut bias on the back with gathers and tucks on the bottom...

At a dance given in North Carolina the other night one man was stabbed, one shot, two clubbed, two had bones broken, one woman had an eye put out and the house burned up...

At a fashionable wedding in Boston the floral display extended over the bridal couple was a yoke. Miss Mary Barrett, eldest daughter of Lawrence Barrett, is engaged to marry the Baron von Roeder.

RELIIGIOUS. There are 84 Sabbath schools in Syria, with 3,794 pupils. The collection made of pews in Beecher's church netted \$47,400.

Money for the Unmarried. One of the most solid and substantial institutions in this country is the Marriage Fund Mutual Trust association of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The controversy as to the advisability of supplying free text books in the public schools promises to be endless. The members of the board of education met in San Francisco discussed the matter very fully without reaching any conclusion.

A minister who was speaking about heaven said he had a note addressed to him. "I hope to say your prayers every night," remarked the good pastor to Mr. Shoddy. "Indeed I don't," was the reply; "poor's too stingy to buy me a prayer rug."

A Porland revivalist is by business an auctioneer. He is quoted as exclaiming in the midst of a fervid exhortation to sinners: "Twenty-nine I've got; thirty shall have 'em! Bid for 'em! Twenty-nine are saved; who will come next? Shall I have thirty?"

The prayer at the daily opening of the session of the New York state assembly costs \$3. Inasmuch as the money is expended for salary for a speaker, and since it is not exactly desirable to disburse with the observance, it has been suggested that a saying might be made by awarding the job to that aspiring clergyman whose bid should be the lowest.

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At a certain man who had just died, a sweet-tempered Christian neighbor said solemnly: "John Stark is dead, and I do hope with all my heart he has gone to" well, one of Mr. Vanderbilt's dashes will appear the next day. The minister was shocked. "And what objection would you have to that?" "Oh," was the reply, "my hope was based on my love for my fellow man, and I am sure he would be never belonged to an organization of any kind but he somehow managed to smash the whole thing in a little while, and I thought, perhaps, if he has gone to the place above mentioned, there would be much of it left by the time you and I get" "I beg your pardon, parson."

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

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John McCullough has given seven performances at the Grand opera house, Danvers, in Brooklyn, at Haverly's Theatre, to crowded houses, and he now goes to Boston. Some idea of the enormous popularity enjoyed by this great actor may be gathered from the fact that the actual receipts from his two weeks in Philadelphia, ending on the 6th inst., were \$119,200.

Male stars have proved a better attraction at the Grand opera house, Danvers, than the female. Rose Fyning and Charlotte Thompson only drew \$3,800 each for one week; Lawrence Barrett, \$8,500; McCullough, \$8,800. The taste of the Danvers public is in the end, however, the Emma Abbott stock in \$12,240; Barton comic opera company, \$5,500; Alice Oates, \$5,325, with a mediocre company.

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