

POIROY OF THE TIMES.

The Jersey.

A Jersey, like a coat of mail, The shapely form incase, And to a dainty waist can't fail To add developed grace;

A Nickel in the Plate. I dearly love my Saturday When'er I'm in the lurch, For then I draw my salary And ready am for church,

All through the week I know I do Some things that may not be Exactly what the minister Might not see in a fit free;

The witless-collar days are come, The hottest of the year, When people sweat And groan in cooling beer;

Only a Chromo. The bloom of May is on her cheeks And beauty dwells in her dark eyes;

An Eden fair life seemed to me, And she was reared by my side; I never dreamt that heart could be As cold as winter's icy tide;

Like some poor bird decoys beguile To leave its shies for hidden snares, I came to know her sweet smile And be impelled upwards;

The Shadow. In a bleak land and desolate, Beyond the earth somewhere, Went wandering through Death's dark gate, A soul into the air.

And still, as on and on it fled, A wand'ring soul in region through, Behind there fell the steady tree: I Of that did purve.

At last it paused and looked about, And then it was aware A hideous wretch stood in its track, Deformed and cowering there.

"And who are thou?" he shrieked, with fright, That dost my steps pursue; Go hide thy shape from sight, Nor thus pollute my view;

The foul form answered him: "Always I'm thine own self; night and day Still must I follow thee."

COONUBIALITIES. It is considered a disgrace for a Hittcho girl not to be married when she is eleven or twelve years old.

Co-education seems to have the account upon the "co" in Buchtel college, at Akron, O. Two girls have lately run away with braken and married them.

Annie Wallace, a sixteen-year-old blonde, who has taken an active part in the salvation army work at Easton, Pa., has married a coal-black negro who was a new recruit.

At a wedding in Harlem, N. Y., where the bride was very dilatory in arriving at the church, a lady remarked concerning the affair: "Well, the idea of that woman being late in getting here when she has been waiting twenty-six years for just such a chance as this."

The Kentucky law says: "No marriage shall be solemnized without a license thereon, issued by the clerk of the county in which the female resides at the time. Nothing is said here about the county in which the male resides. Has the male Kentucky no rights?"

David Pearson, of Carroll, Ill., aged 77, and Mrs. McFadden, of that city, aged 80, were united in marriage the other day, and took their departure on a bridal tour which will include the noted watering places of the West. The bride is spoken of as a "leading society married belle of half a century ago."

A couple went up from Hungerford township to Le Mars, Iowa, a few days ago to be married. They quitted in the hotel about the clergyman to be employed, he favoring a Methodist divine while the lady wanted a Congregational clergyman.

The upshot of the matter was that the lady walked back to Hungerford township, and the man, after waiting a day for her to return, also went back.

The official returns of the marriages solemnized in France during the last year show a total of 279,530 for the twelve months. The greatest number in one month took place in February, when there were 24,157. Next came November with 23,074, May with 22,273, January with 21,585, June with 21,216, October with 20,743, July with 20,620, September with 18,883, April with 16,632, March with 14,911, and last of all, December with 12,937.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES. Bonnet strings now tie under the chin, instead of across the back.

Costly satin fabrics, broadened with clusters of waluets, are improved.

The much-worn terra-cotta and crushed straw hats are on the wane.

Tailor-made street suits usually in browns or deep grays remain the most fashionable.

The Boston Globe is mean enough to speak of a young ladies' seminar as a "coarse farm."

It is distinctly asserted by all fashion authorities that velvet is not to be discarded during the summer months.

Boys of narrow satin ribbons, in three or even four shades, are seen caught in various places on the new white tolets.

Corsets bouquets seem to grow larger. This is probably due to the fact that at this season of the year flowers are unusually cheap.

Dotted and tambour muslins, worn over color, with yards of lace and ribbons for trimmings, are among the prettiest of tolets for the seaside.

Gold basket-straw bonnets, trimmed with flame-colored lace and fancy silver straws and velvet intermingled, are the newest fancies in French millinery.

It was so mad at George last night, said a girl of her sweetheart. "Yes," said her ill-natured brother, "I noticed when I looked in the parlor you were up in arms."

A new cheese-cloth dress is garished with rows of narrow black ribbon, bordered by the boucree and drapery, and used on the boucree in a corresponding manner.

Many of the silk tolets for summer, combining black and white, are trimmed

with double ruffles of black and white lace—the black arranged over the white.

Long loose-wristed mousselines are gradually coming into vogue, and fashionable dealers assert that in a year they will almost be numbered with the things of the past.

The most fashionable handkerchiefs are of sheer white cambric, with a spray of bright colored flowers embroidered in one corner, or a fine vine in white or colors embroidered around the entire edge.

Many of the new parasols of silk and satin are lined with Watteau-patterned foulards, with lace arranged on the outside in fan-plications. These are especially designed for garden party use, coaching, and like occasions, and not for the promenade.

It is said that a young lady can never whistle in the presence of her lover. The reason is obvious. He doesn't give her a chance. When she gets her lips in a proper position for whistling something else always occurs.

Two young ladies in the country were standing by the side of a wide ditch which they did not know how to cross. They appealed to a boy who was coming along the road for help, whereupon he politely beheld them with a startled air and yelled "Snakes!" The young ladies crossed the ditch at a single bound.

A pretty and serviceable fabric for adorning summer dresses of white organdy, French muslin, and the like, is a new sheer cambric, with a solid embroidery covering its entire surface from selvage to selvage, the embroidery being done in exquisite colors, violet, old Flemish, and Irish pattern designs.

Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake is going to print a book entitled "Woman's Place Today." We pre-sume she will say that woman's proper place is in a bath-house and the soda water fountain; and that it is proper for a man to wash the dishes and sew on buttons, while it is not a woman's place to chop wood and carry up coal.

RELIGIOUS. The London Missionary society owns five million ships.

There are 18,000,000 Catholics in Spain, and 40,000 magnificent churches.

Grace church, New York, is to replace its wooden spire with marble at a cost of \$60,000.

One church in Lagos, Western Africa, has a congregation during the three years over \$15,000 for church purposes.

The Presbytery of Utah has under its charge three candidates for the ministry who are converts from Mormonism.

The white Baptists of South Carolina have 60 churches and 15,700 communicants, and the colored Baptists number 90,000.

One hundred and ten Presbyterians have seceded from their church in Fredericksburg, O., and formed themselves into a Congregational church.

All religious instruction or even allusion to religion in the schools of France is so strictly forbidden by the new laws on the subject that the name of the Deity is carefully expurgated from the new text books.

The United Presbyterian general assembly has finally decided to allow instruction in music in church worship, though not without a sharp and vigorous protest from the ministry, which they will present to the next assembly.

In the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church there is only one minister who receives as high a salary as \$2,000. Only three receive more than \$1,500. The average salary is about \$360.

Among the bequests of the late Anson Blake, jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., are \$5,000 to the Evangelical educational society of the Protestant Episcopal church in Philadelphia, and \$25,000 for general charitable and benevolent purposes.

The Southern Baptist conference held its annual meeting at Waco, Texas, last week, and during the session a report of the home mission board showed that \$78,000 had been raised and expended by state boards. The total receipts of foreign mission boards was \$31,000.

A large colony of Dunkers is about to settle in Northern Kansas. They are about to build three churches in Brown county, near Sabetha and Morrill. Their recent meeting at Elmavac grove opened the eyes of thousands of them to the benefits and advantages of Kansas, and thousands of them will probably be added to the population of the state within the next few years. They are a class of people desirable in any community. They are moral, intelligent and obey the laws strictly, and are very thrifty.

A religious weekly says "Chicago is beginning to look for its first gray hairs, and with a few days more it will have a few white ones. In the fifty years Catholicism claims to have grown to forty-five churches, 135 priests, and 250,000 members. But it must be remembered that a large proportion of these members are only nominal Catholics, who do not keep up the forms of religion."

IMPISTRIES. "When you are in Rome you must do as the Romans do," as the American tramp said when he squatted on the steps of a cathedral in the Eternal City and held out his hand for alms.

At St. Anne's Sunday school in Lowell, in answer to the question: "What is the greatest church festival?" a little orphan of six years promptly answered: "Straw-berries."

A young minister named Stocking was presented by his wife with a pair of socks last week. Donations are being received by the ladies of his church to buy him a hose-carriage.

The union of the two Bible societies has called out a letter from a Connecticut clergyman, who furnishes figures, if they are correct, to show that it costs \$4 to distribute a Bible worth \$1, under the old-fashioned colporteur system.

A Tennessee landlord has just been forced to pay \$700 for kissing an Indian woman who was a guest at his hotel. As it is only ten cents to kiss the prettiest girl at a church, this man will never cease to lick himself for his financial folly.

A western preacher, whose congregation had begun to fall off somewhat, had it intimated that he would discuss a family social the following Sunday morning. Consequently, the church was crowded. The minister's subject was Adam and Eve.

An old colored preacher in Atlanta, Ga., was lecturing a youth of his about the sin of dancing, when the latter protested that the Bible plainly said: "There is a time to dance." "Yes, dar am a time to dance," said the dark divine, "and when a boy gets a whippin' for goin' to a ball."

There is a beautiful practice common throughout a portion of Mexico for little children to kneel before a stranger and pray that he may have a safe journey. And the fathers of the children have a practice, not so beautiful, of laying for the stranger in the forest with a jack-knife two feet long.

A Brooklyn Sunday school class had just finished singing. "I want to be an angel And with the angels stand" when the teacher, observing that one of the boys had not contributed his voice to swell the sacred refrain, said: "And you want to be an angel, too, don't you Willie?" "No," replied Willie; "Not right away. I want to be a circus rider a good deal first."

At an evening prayer meeting in a neighboring town, as the 9 o'clock bell passed ringing, the clergyman presiding arose and spoke in a most solemn and impressive manner of the minister that they had just received from the city of the

flight of time and the necessity of spending time well while it is ours to improve. When he sat down an elderly female arose in a shrill voice startled the audience by remarking in a contradictory tone, "I think it must be fire."

A Norwich, Conn., church is pastoring; cause, dancing. Pastor objects to dancing at a church fair. Last week he got up the fair indignantly. Declared it wouldn't raise a cent unless the bowls of the cat draw out the melody from the hair of the horse, while flying feet kept time. Ladies won't. Pastors. Lots of dancing. No preacher. Great change, though, from the Connecticut of Cotton Mather.

PEPPERMINT DROPS. Motto for a female chiropodist: "She stoops to cure cures."

There seems to be no call for an exhibition of grief at a circus. Yet the audience is a large one.

The crushed strawberry color that was so fashionable for a time has been succeeded by a shade called spotted molasses.

Undertakers are just now sending a boy around to see who are going to put up banners. The doctors pay half the boy's wages.

It has been suggested that the policeman who pays for his beer in these days would be a greater curiosity than Washington's negro nurse.

The victim of either cannot discern much difference between a piano and a hand-organ. At times both appear to be played by a crank.

"I don't like to have my husband chew tobacco," remarked a young married lady, "but I put up with it for the tin-foil—just to be handy for anything in doing up my front crimps."

"Business is pretty good," said an undertaker to an interviewer; "but if I were to be put in the suit of a bald-headed old imbecile." "There appears to be very little encouragement to tell the truth," Constantine, and if an editor there were to keep publishing the names of the boys and girls weekly.

A prominent physician says a person should never be waked except where there is a necessity for it. This hygienic doctrine should be remembered. When a man falls asleep in church, the deacon who is in charge should contribute to a box which would be used for the collection of the heathen in the East.

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