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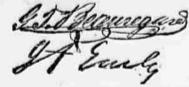
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To sparkle in her hair;
No need both she of borrowed light
To make her beauty lair.
Upon her shining looks affoat
Are datales we with dew.
And peeping from her lissome thro;
A little knot of blue.

A dainty knot of blue, A ribbon blithe of bue-It fills my threams with sunny gleams. That little knot of blue.

I met her down the shadowed lane

Hencath the apple tree.
The faimy blossoms fell like rain
Unon my love and me:
And what I said or what I did
That mern I never know.
But to my breast there came and high
A little knot of blue.

A little knot of blue,

"A love hast strong and true—
"Twill hold my heart till life shall part.
That little knot of blue." HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Hand painted straw bonnets are among Fans of embroidered crape lisse correspond Grenadines have designs embroidered by hand in floss silk.

Silk milts are shown with delicate designs of the finest work. Miss Fortescue, the English actress, has ust had the mensles. Fans for traveling have natural wood or

Russia leather mounts. Silk gloves have chenile figures in bright colors embroidered on the arm.

Modjeska and her husband were the first visitors at the Yosemite this season. Mull fichus in blue or gray are knotted sout the throat when dust renders traveling

Short mantles of Tartan plaid, picturesquely draped, are favorites for mountain and seaside wear.

A writer compares an old maid to a lemon.
The comparison is faulty. Young men often squeeze lemons,
Pongee and surah are used for light traveling dusters. They are cooler than linen and are more comfortable.

A bonnet for a little girl is of pale blue repon trunmed with bows of blue satin. The strings are of blue satin.
Adirondack Murray's wife recently se-

cured a divorce from him and is practicing medicine in New Haven. Panels, collars and cuffs of velvet are used for camel's hair costumes, the gathered plastron being of twilled silk. Women are employed as gnards at the crossings of Prussian and state railways.

They are paid from 12 to 19 cents per day. A good many girls are ambitious of taking the degree of B. A. Their mothers and grandmothers aspired to the higher degree of $M\Lambda$

Grenadines with plush stripes have the plush so cut that it resembles overlapping shells. Others with wide meshes have plush

Notwithstanding all the modern improve-ments of husbandry, the matrimonial harvest is still gathered with the cradle and thrashed by hand. Among the 361 students in Berne, Switzerland, there are twenty women pursuing the regular course for the degree of doctor of Medicine.

The favorite shades for gloves for evening wear are putty and tan color. For wear with tailor made costumes there are gloves of corresponding tint.

"Pana," said a little five year old, pointing to a turkey gobbler strutting around in a neighbor's yard, "ain't that red-nosed chicken got an awful big bustle." An Iowa court granted a husband a divorce because his wife hit him in the eye with one of her dressmaker's bills which he had incautionsly reproached her for contracting.

Mexican girls are said to be filled with abounding health and apt at acquiring proficiency in the study of languages, music and the popular surface accomplishments in art. Fans of the finest silk gauze, correspondng to the color of the dress or its accessories are made in the form of a hand screen, and the handles are finished with bows and loops

An open let bonnet is lined with hellio trope satin. A profusion of Chantilly lace, among which droop graceful sprays of lilac wistaria, forms the trimming. The strings are of black tulle. "What is the matter with the babe?" asked

asked a lady of a little girl whose little baby brother she had understood to be alling. "Oh, nothin' much," was the answer; "he's only hatching teeth."

A Tuscan straw poke bonnet has a bow of A Tuscan straw poke bonnet has a bow of brown ribbon under the brim. At the base of the crown in front is a corresponding bow of larger dimensions. The brim is bordered by a wreath of daisies with buds, which fall over the brown ribbon strings.

A evening dress of almond brown faille Francaise is made en princess. The flowing draperies are raised high on one side, disclosing a tulle skirt of the same tint embroid-ered with gossamer-like gold thread.

A silver-gray surah dust coat buttons down the entire front. The sing sleeves are in ing the coat very easy to slip on and off. hood and high collar complete the garment. A large, coarse bege straw hat has the brim turned up at the side and trimmed with tiny knots of bege ribbon. A cluster of corn flowers, the poppies of velvet, mingled with white clover and golden gorse, compares the trimming.

oletes the trimming. "Why, Laura, how tight you wear your corsets," said one lady to another as they were dressing for dinner; "I never could enjoy anything I ate if I wore mine as tight as you do." "Grace before meat," the other replied as she laced herself in.

A garden party dress of cream white mous-seline de laine, strewn with tiny pink rose-buds, has a blouse bodice, the upper part of which is trimmed with three rows of lace in-sertion. The skirt is full and gracefully

sertion. The skirt in traped at the back.

It was an ambitious young woman from the west who first insisted on having Greek lessons from a Harvard professor with so much persistence that she finally won her point. There are now seventy-five pupils in the girls' Greek class.

Fans are in great variety and are equally favored whether they be of heavy-looking feathers or of the lightest gauze. One recently noted was made of green parrot feathers with white tulips made of teathers arranged on the concave side. The effect was not to be commended, it was rather heavy.

A should heard inspector school that was recommended. A school board inspector asked the members of the girls' class the other day; "Who can tell me what basting a turkey means?" There was silence for a while, and then a little girl signified that she knew. "Well, what is it?" said the inspector, "Sewing up the place where the stuffing goes in," was the re-

A bonnet of brown gauze is trimmed with A bonnet of brown gauze is trimmed with brown and butter-colored striped gauze rib-bon. In front is a cluster of oak appies in all their tints from green to russet brown. The parasol to be worn with this bonnet is of brown gauze edged with brown lace, acquister of oak apples being arranged around the stick at the top.

stick at the top.

A costume for a little girl of nine years is of etamine, striped with gold color and dark blue. The skirt is kilt platted and the long coat bedies, trimmed with gold buttons opens over a long, full plastron of cream colored surah. A broad sash of etamine is tied at the back, the long loop and ends reaching nearly to the bottom of the skirt.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

A young man asks: "How can I gain a coplous flow of language?" We would suggest that he should try sitting down on a tack.

A sound sleeper-one who snores, The man who taised grapes in a grapery didn't succeed when he tried to raise apes in

an aplary. Mrs. Frankie Cleveland is learning the wife business rapidly. Already she never goes to bed without asking Grover if he wound the clock.

A Chicago jeweler is said to have invented a self winding water. Now let the same genius apply himself to the invention of a self-finding water key.

self-linding watch key.

A New York exchange says: "Jay Gould has left the street." It was probably too heavy for him to carry off. There is a reason for almost everything.

A man in New Tork recently committed suicide by pushing a handkerchief down his throat. Ancient history informs us that Cleopatra, the dusky beauty, also committed suicide with a "wiper."

"Why does marriage make men thought-ful?" asked a young lady of old bachelor. The bald eagles on San Miguel Island, Cal, are very destructive to sheep and lambs, and

"Well, I suppose it is because they are continually wondering what is going to happen

Consternation filled every breast in Shanty-town when the left fielder of the second pine shauted from the inclosure where the ball had been batted: "Ye'll have ter call the game, fellys; Finnerty's pig has swallowed the ball,"

"Oh, I do so dote on the sea?" she curgled;
"If you only had a yacht, Augustus, dear?"
"I have no yacht, Wilhelmina," he signed,
"but I can give you a little smack?" And
then it sounded as it a cork had flown out of "Do you remember how you swore on your

"Do you remember how you swore on your bended knees the night you proposed to me, love?" "Oh, yes; that's nothing." "Noth-ing!" "You ought to hear me swear ou my knoes when my collar button drops and rolls under the bureau."

"Why don't you have your hair cut?" asked a congressman's wife. "My dear, I am so bury with the tariff bill that I cannot attend to matters of minor importance." returned her justiand. "Well, I should think that you would have time to attend to your duty on your on you." The police of New York visited a fashion-

The police of New York visited a fashion-able chess club the other night. On the table there was a lamentable absence of bishops, castles and pawns, but plenty of kings and queens and many chips. That is the way New Yorkers play chess.

New Yorkers play chess.

In the excavations at Pompeli a man was found on his hands and knees. It is supposed that he had lung his trousers upside down on going to bed so that all of the change rolled out of the pockets under the barreau. He was engaged in looking for it when he met his fate.

A Song of Summer. Famma C. Doset in St. Nicholas for July.

The flowers are tringing the swift meadow brooks.
The songsters are nesting in shadowy neoks;
The birds and the blossoming are throughing

to meet us, With loveliness, perfume and music they For summer, the beautiful reigns!

The bobolink tilts on the tall, nodding clover, And sings his gay song to us over and over: The wild roses becken, with deepening And sweet from the wood, sounds the warble For summer, the beautiful, reigns!

The white lilles sway with the breeze of the morning, In raiment more fair than a menarch's adorning; The bright throated humming bird, marvel of fleetness, Comes questing for honey blooms, draining their sweetness— For summer, the beautiful, reigns!

High up inthe limbs is the oriole courting, A new suit of velvet and gold he is sporting: With gay bits of carolling, tuneful and mel He woos his fair lady love clad in plain vel-

For summer, the beautiful, reigns! The blossoms and birds bring us, yearly,

sweet token That nature's glad promises rever are broken. Then sing, happy birdlings, nor ever grow Laugh on, merry children, 'tis time to be For summer, the beautiful, reigns!

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Joseph Jefferson will play only about thir-J. W. Morrisey will be business manager for James C. Duff next season. Margaret Mather proposes to play Peg Wof-fington in "Masks and Faces."

Signor Galassi has been engaged by Henry Abbey for the Patti concert tour next cason. Wilson Barrett's repertoire in this country will consist only of "Chto," "Claudian" and

Hamlet. Normandy has been selected by Mary An derson as the scene of her self-imposed two The Great Fastern is now used as a variety

theatre in a small inlet adjoining the Mersey river, Liverpool. Evans and Hoey in a "Parlor Match" open their coming season at Hooley's Theater, Chicago, on August 30.

Laura Bellini is to be the prima donna of Conrid and Hermann's "Gypsy Baron" traveling company this coming fall.

An Anglicized version of 'Hazel Kirke" was pronounced a bore last week by a Lon-don audience at the Vaudeville Theater. Mr. Henry E. Walton is preparing for a starring tour through the United States and Canada in a repertoire of new and standars

Miss Blanche Weaver recently returned from the West Indies, where she has been playing principal parts in the McDonald Charles Pope will have a large repertoire the coming season, but will devote himself principally to "Virginius," "Othello" and Richard III."

Mr. and Mrs. W. 'J. Florence play at the Baldwin Theater, San Francisce, next sea-son—their first California engagement in

The "Robinson Crusoe" girls in "Adonis" were photographed by a London artist, but the police would not allow the pictures to be exhibited in the shop windows. Patti strennously insists upon being called and addressed beneeforth as Mine. Patti-Ni-colini. It's too late, though. To the public she will be simply Patti forever.

Colonel Mapleson's "L'Afracaine" and "Aida" scenery and properties were lately sold by a San Francisco sheriff for \$2,542, to satisfy a railroad claim of \$2,080. Herr Sonnenthal, the Austrian actor, will shortly give a performance of Schiller's "Wallenstein," at Prague, to begin at two in the afternoon and to end at midnight.

Gilbert & Sulliyan's new opera will not be upon an Egyptian subject. Mr. Gilbert allowed the rumor to that effect be spread so that imitators might be thrown off the track. Thomas Whiffen, of the Madison Square company, played Pittieus Green in "Hazel Kirke" at the Vaudeville theater, London, last Wednesday afternoon, and failed with marked success.

Messrs, Hoyt and Solomon are finishing their new comic opera, 'The Maid and the Moonshiner.' A chorus of the daughters of an aristocratic Virginia family is expected to be a feature.

A private cablegram from Berlin states that "Capricciosa," an opera comique by Herr Raida, had its first production on Friday at Walhalla theater, in that city, with much sucess, and has been secured for this country Miss Margaret Mather opens in "Romeo and Juliet" at San Francisco the first week of next month. Mr. Frederick Paulding will

again be the Romeo, and the scenery and ostumes seen here in the Union Square pro-luction will be used. Miss Rose Coghlan, it is announced, will not be seen as Our Joan next season. She will have a wider and more varied scope for

her talents by starring in "The School of Scandal," "Masks and Faces," "London As-surance, "The Lady of Lyons," "Mach ado About Nothing," "As You Like II," and "Macbeth,"

Love. R. H. Bacon in Democratic Review. Like the still stars that glow with fadeless light,
Unchanging ever in their noly ray,
Unseen, perchance, in the full glare of day,
Yet with mild glory shining through the

night.
So love, whate'er the time, is ever bright;
And though unnoticed while the sunbeams Around prosperity, has its holiest sway

When dark afflictions come the soul to blight The loftiest and the lowliest bosom feels The foffiest and the lowlest bosom feels
Its empire sweet, and brightens in its glow;
The proudest spirit to its scepter kneels,
And the gentlest hearts its sweetest influence know.
Soft to the couch of death it gently steals
And, even through its tears, eternal joy reveals!

SINGULARITIES.

A strawberry was grown at Marlborough, N. Y., that measured nine inches in circum-

A Mexican died the other day who was followed to the grave by eighty-seven sons and daughters, and had burned thirteen. A sturgeon eight feet long and weighing 287 pounds was caught in the river near North Cromwell, Conn., on Wednesday.

A child was born in Sharon, Pa., last week that weighs only two pound and three ounces. It is healthy and perfectly formed.

the citizens have begun a war of extermina-

it is said that two St. Albans boys went ishing and caught a big cel which had wrapped itself around a tin-bail in which were \$17.50 in sold.

were \$17.30 in gold.

Lige Puckett and George Check of Gwinnett county, Georgia, cut down a Bee tree, expecting to find it full of noney. They found instead a blacksnake six feet long, which had caten all the boney, leaving nothing but a mass of hard, dry comb. A colored woman who is telling fortunes in Hooma, i.a., says that while a slave in Cuba she cut open the calf of her leg and inserted a large smake. The wound healed up and the smake now lies coiled there, except when making daily visits to the woman's stomach when he feels hungry.

A greedy hen, belonging to Mrs, Hummer, of Barnesville, Ohio, ate so much that her crop became clogged, and she was in danger of dying. Mrs. Hummer was equal to the emergency. She clipped the teathers off the error, then opened it with a sharp knife, removed the contents, deftly sawed it up again, and the hen is now the mother of a fine broad of chicks.

An enterprising citizen up in Day county has struck a bonanza and is working it for all it is worth. He lives on the bank of a large lake, where the willi ducks have hundreds of nests. He hunts up the nests and replaces the eggs with hen fruit. In this way the innocent ducks have hatched out several fine broods of chickens.—Wilmot (Minn.) Record.

Record.

Boston Transcript. Post to the pillow, restl
I watch beside thee;
No care shall wring thy bro...
No lil betide thee;
Love guards thy pillow,
Love, the unrepining.
Heaven's moon is bright above

Heaven's stars are shining Peace, peace! forget, forgive And be forgiven. That all who love and live

May wake in heaven. Dream of thy dear ones, dream,

The past retracing;
Thy native valley's stream,
Thy love's embracing.
No sound shall mar thy sleep, No fear perplex thee; Angels thy vigils keep, Thy God protects thee,

Peare, peace! forget, forgive, And be forgiven. That all who love and live May wake in heaven.

RELIGIOUS.

The compulsory prayer system has been repealed at Harvard.
Since the 1st of January Archbishop Corrigan has administered the the sacrament of confirmation to 10,777 persons. The Baptist of the north in the United States, after a stirring discussion, have re-solved not to abandon their mission on the

After five years of deadlock with England over the appointment of the Protestant bishop of Jerusalem, Prussia has decided to found an independent bishopric there. Rev. Dr. Kinloch Nelson, the new bishop (P. E.) of Easton, Md., is a great grandson of Governor Nelson, of revolutionory fame. He fought through the late war in the rebel army.

A Roman Catholic church is to be built at Jerusalem, in which masses will be said daily for the dead and dying throughout Christendom. It is to be called the "Chapel of the Dead." The Mennonites of Germany have united founded a congregation in Berlin, and pro-pose to establish a professorship in connec-tion with the Berlin university, and to fur-nish the funds for it.

The one hundredth general assembly of the Presbyterian church is to be held in Phila-delphia in 1888. It has been decided to raise a centenary fund of \$5,000,000 for various church enterprises. The children of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church contributed during the cen-

tennial year \$10,000, to be invested, and the interest to be used annually in helping weak Sunday schools in the frontier work. In France all religious instruction has been

abolished in the public schools. In the place of religion there have been introduced the atrical representations, at least in the city of Paris, for which both participation and attendance are obligatory.

A missionary of the American Sunday school union in porthers the participation has school union in porthers the participation in participation. school union in northwestern Dakota has planted forty-nine Sunday-schools during the past twenty-live months, and the schools are flourishing. Ten churches have already grown out or ten of these schools, and seven minis-ters have been called to preach to them.

The Rev. Alfred A. Curas, secretary of the archdiocese of Baltimore has been appointed bishop of Wilmington, to succeed Bishop Becker, who was transferred to the sec of Savannah. The appointment was decided upon by the pope at a secret consistory held in Rome on Monday. He was born in Som-erset county, Md., in 1831. has been a At a convention of twenty-one mission-aries of the American Sunday school union in the northwest, at St. Paul—a soul stir-

ring meeting for conference and advice—it was found that during the year then re-ported there had been 982 professed conver-sions in their different fields of work in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota -average forty-six to each missionary. The Friends have always taken a deep interest in Madagascar. On the island they have 133 native teachers and 144 congregations. They have 26 children in schools at the capital, and 14,000 in schools in the country. They have printed from 400,000 to 500,000 works in the native language. During the last year they have expended \$40,000 for mission purposes in Madagascar alone.

Of the 408 senators, members and territorial delegates who compose congress, 72 are Methodists, 63 Baptists, 41 Episcopalians, 37 Presbyterians, 36 Catholics, 15 Unitarians, 8 Lutherans, 10 Christians (Campbellites), and 3 Quakers, making a total of 283 who are acfively connected with some church organiza-tion. This leaves 125 who either never be-lon, 2d to any church or have drifted out of

such associations. IMPLETIES.

The Duke of Cumberlain once astonished a congregation, when the minister prayed for rain, by exclaiming: "No use praying for rain in a northeast wind."

rain in a northeast wind."

A little New York girl while lisping her childish prayer at her mother's knee before retiring stopped in the middle of her devotions and said: "Oh. Lord, please wait a until I scratch my toe."

"I'm sorry I wasn't at your father's funeral, Miss Mollie." "Faith, and you didn't miss much. It was very quiet, Beer at the wake and only one band at the cemetery. You know father always detested any ceremony like."

Sam Jones and Sam Small received \$2,500 Sain Jones and Sain Small received \$2,500 agiece for their recent evangelieal services in Boston. Small makes about as much money in a week by evangelizing as he formerly lost in the same period starting humorous papers to fill a long-felt want.

Dr. Adam Clarke, who had a strong aversion to pork, was called upon to say grace at dinner where the principle dish was roast pig. He is reported to have said: "Oh. Lord, if thou canst bless under the gospel what Thou didst curse under the law, bless this nig."

While in London the revivalist Moody while in London the revivalist Moody never neglected an opportunity in preaching. He went into the city to insure his life; having done so he said: "I have insured my wretched body, but who is to insured my wretched soul!" A matter-of-fact clerk answered: "Our Mr. Thompson, of the fire department will see after that."

EDUCATIONAL

Harvard graduates a class of 235, the largest The National Educational association holds its aunual meeting at Topeka, Kas.

The Harvard annex has two graduates this year, Miss Lucy Ann Bushee, of Woonsocket, R. L., and Miss Kate Bird Runkle, of Brighton.

Brighton.

Probably the youngest state superintendent of public instruction is Oscar H. Cooper, of Texas. He is twenty-three years old, and a graduate of Yale.

Eighteen of the fifty-seven surviving members of President Dwight's Yale class of 1849 were present at his inauguration. The class numbered ninety-four at graduation. class numbered ninety-four at graduation.

Col. William Preston Johnson, president of the Tulane university, has added to that institution what are to be known as the Tulane Home Reading circles, to be conducted somewhat upon the well-known plans of Miss Ticknor and Dr. J. H. Vincent of Chautauqua. Members of the faculty of Tulane will constitute the principal instructors.

Millionaire Thaw gave over 2000,000 to the Millionaire Than gave over 2000 Western iniversity, donating at one time over \$100,000. Last week it was proposed by some of the ajumni to elect Mr. Than a member, but objection was made that, although he had been a student in the institution, as be had not graduated by was inclining ble. The alumni sustained the objection and rejected Mr. Thaw.

Smith College has done itself credit by conferring an honorary degree of the first importance upon a woman of so notable and rare acquirements as Amelia B. Edwards.

rare acquirements as Amelia B. Edwards, She had a good literary reputation as novelist years ago, but that is almost forgotten in the fame of her later scholarship in archeology and ethnology, for she is one of the best Egyptologists of the day.

Twenty years ago there was not 15,000 colored people in the south who could read; and now 1,002,000 colored children are in the public schools of the south. There 13,000 colored teachers, and more than 30 newspapers owned and edited by colored men. Over 100 schools for higher education are now in successful operation. In fact, in the history of education nothing can compare with the present among the colored people. with the present among the colored people

CONNUBIALITIES.

On her death-bed three months ago Eva Helson, of Bound Brook, N. J., warned het husband Edwin if he valued his peace of mind not to marry again. He promised solemnly that he would live and die a widover, and his wife passed away contented. A short time ago be married a widow, and afterward constantly believed that he was haunted by the spirit of his dead wife, his dreams were hideous, and his wakeful moments frightful. One morning last week he was found dead in bed, and his neighbors and friends believe that his death was caused

by sheer fright.

A Pembroke young man who was engaged to be married wanted to start on his wedding tour immediately after the knot had been tied, but his intended bride declared her intention of remarked that she would be sorry the young man remarked that she would be sorry it she persisted. On the day fixed for the wedding he failed to appear, and it was ascer-tained that he had left by train on the provious evening.

Miss Mary Castleberg, soprano in the choir of Howard Street Baptist church, Boston, has been married to Rev. J. H. Gunning, the paster of the church, a widower with four children, the ejdest quite a young man. A number of the lady members of the congregation who were gunning for the paster are sadly disappointed.

Lady Mand Ordels has an income of

sadly disappointed.

Lady Maud Ogilvle has an Income of £20,000 a year, and here is a romance from the London World about her: "Lady Maud Ogilvie went out to solace her brother in the solitude of his ranch, and found a husband in the far west. The Downger Lady Airlie crosses the Atlantic to be present at the marriage."

The seventeen-year-old daughter of Robert White, a wealthy resident of Shrewsbury, N. J., cloped last week with Charles Billings,

J., eloped last week with Charles Billings, brother of Billings, the jockey.

Nilsson's weedding to Count Casa Miranda will take place in London at the end of the current month. The great prima donna is forty-two years old and was first married to M. Auguste Rouzeaud at Westminster abbey fourteen years ago and has been a widow five years. years. Red, Rich, Reviving-Red Star Cough Cure. It leaves no depressing effects.

25 cents.

The Parson Got Mad. San Francisco Post: "My relations with the clergy have been courteous, but cold, ever since '72," remarked Mr. Alf. Doten in the office of the Palace, ad-dressing some brother Comstockers. Dr. Doten was formerly the publisher of the Gold Hill News, long since dead. "The Baptist preacher in the gulch was Mr. McJawkins, a venerable man of great piety, but hollow-chested physically and intellectually," said Mr. Doten. "He had no business snap about him, and the con-gregation took advantage of him. They paid him only \$50 a month, and let him

collect it if he could. He roosted in the rear of the sacred edifice and did his own cooking. One day in '72 it was snowing pretty hard in the gulch, and I met Par-son McJawkins plowing along. The old man looked blue and frozen, and I took him into the News office to warm himself 'Parson,' says I, speaking low so the printers couldn't hear, 'don't you think a thimbleful of whisky would do you good?'

'Mr. Doton,' says he, 'I'm not a drinking man, but I think it would.'
'Mr. McJawkins, says I, in a loud voice, 'come down to the cellar and see our new power press.' The cellar was where I kept the editorial jug. When I'd thrown a couple of bolts into the parson, he warmed up and said it was remarkably good liquor. He re-peated this several times, and took no in-

terest in the press.

"'Yes,' says I; 'it is good liquor.

Won't you take a little of it home with you, parson?'
"'I am not a drinking man, Brother Doten,' says he, 'but since you're so kind, I will thank God and take courage. The congregation might object, but there is

no necessity for their knowing anything "'Correct,' says I, and I reached for a bottle on the shelf. I held it under the faucet and gave it a rinse, and filled her up for the parson, who went off happy. But he never spoke to me again, and stopped his paper, though he was a dead

"Why?" asked the surprised group of Comstockers.

"Well," said Mr. Doten, "it seems it was an ink bottle I gave the parson, with a lot of dried ink in it, and the rinse didn't move it. But the whisky did. The parson was nearly killed with the gripes. suppose he mentioned the business to the rest of the preachers on the quiet, for ever since the ministers have always veered off when I hove in sight. I do not exaggerate, therefore, when I say that my relations with the clergy are courteous, but cold. Is there a bar-room

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of its having been spirited away began
to tell unfavorably on the sick lady's
nervous sensibility, but the doctor could
not help it; he could not explain the mystery. The doctor in a deen brown study
prepared to leave and stuod up before the fire to warm himself before encoun-tering the cold without. Through the force of a vulgar habit he parted his coat tails behind, when the nurse, displaying about four inches of ivory, said:

"I found de plaster, massa doctor,"
"Where?" eagerly asked the doctor;
"where is it?"

"You have got it ahind," said the nurse, still grinning.

The doctor clapped his hand behind and there it was, sticking fast to the seat of his breeches, where he had sat down on it when it was lying on the chair. This was too much for the modest doc He seized his hat and stood not up on the order of his going, but went at once.

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