

LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



THE FAMOUS OLD MINSTREL BEN COTTON.

This shows the features of the once famous Cotton, who, as old man in Murphy & Mack's minstrels, gave Salt Lake almost its first taste of genuine minstrelsy, some time in the late sixties. Ben Cotton set the whole west afire with his song and dance of "Love Among the Roses," and for years stood in popular estimation as the ideal minstrel delinector. The photo from which the plate is made is owned by Harry Horsley.

mand for the book that will place it both inside and outside. The pictures in themselves have an unusual interest for any one who lives in a house at all. They indicate new possibilities in the way of decoration and fittings. In the magazine there is an article by Annealed Austin entitled "The Girl Who Comes to Town," which is told in narrative form the story of a girl who leaves her home in Texas and comes to New York to earn a living. It is an interesting commentary on the present manners of American men and their attitude toward the young girl who travels unattended.

The sweet and whimsical humor in which "The Crayon" of the "Shining Light" is so rich, is well illustrated in the following scene between Daniele and old Nick Top, whose highest virtue is to "stand by" to the end:

"Dannie, lad," he would begin, "is ol' Nicholas Top a well-known digger in Nee'funk'land?"

"I knowed it," was the response I had been taught, "from Cape Race I chidley."

"What for?"

"So far so good," my uncle would beam upon me, as though the compliment were of my own devising, until 'twas necessary once more to wipe the smile and blush from his great wet countenance.

"It's righteous," says he, "I stand by."

"Tis that!"

"He would now lean close with his poser: 'Does it say so in the Bible? Ah ha, lad! Does it say so there? 'Twas left out,' says I, having to this been scandalously taught, "by mistake."

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