

THE EVENING NEWS.

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MAIDENS AND WIVES.

"Why was I ever married?"
Sighing the young wife cried.
"Why, one my eighteenth summer,
Did I become a bride?"

"Why did I not pause and linger
Where the brook and river meet?
Instead of rushing onwards
With gliding, heedless feet."

"But now, ah me! a woman
With all a mother's care,
Has no time left for dreaming
A maiden's hopes and fears."

"Instead of the girl's sweet musings
Of a future ever bright,
My future is settled ahead,
The work from morning till night."

"I cannot now be merry nor girlish
Nor laugh unadvisedly do,
Because I'm a married woman,
Yet I'm only twenty-two!"

But now the wife's musings are ended,
Her husband's form she can see,
"Why, Kate, dear, what have you been doing?
Come bustle and sit by me."

"Write, you remember the story
Of your school-fellow, Jenny Kaine;
Last night beneath the river
She hid her sorrow and shame."

"Oh, Paul," the wife said sobbing,
As she hid her face on his breast,
"Thank God, in this sweet strong shelter,
I so early found a rest."

"And I hope that our little Minnie
May marry early too—
That is, if she finds a husband
As loving dear Paul as you."

"For though sweet are a maiden's visions,
The sweeter and safer to be
The wife of a true, fond husband,
As you are, my darling, to me."

R. B.
—Golden Era.

A FIGHT FOR A LOCOMOTIVE.

I sat at breakfast one autumn morning,
Lazily sipping my coffee, and trying
To solve a problem that completely
Eclipsed the *pens avarum*. Certainly
That proposition never caused half the
perplexity the one I was now cogitating
did. The morning paper lay uncut
across my knee; the rolls had gone cold;
the sunshine came in through the open
window, bringing with it the scent of
the late roses; and across the road and
the adjacent meadows came the shouts
of the harvestmen gathering in the last
loads of wheat from the distant corn-
fields. "Let I was now cogitating,"
said I, "that was the fair prospect
that was visible from the window of
my pretty suburban lodging, and
opened out into the clear, frosty air
of the morning, and stretched for miles
on miles; green meadows, yellow stubbles,
red farmhouses, and woods already
touched with the marvelous colors laid
on so lavishly and yet harmoniously,
by the master-hand of autumn; bounded
by the distant line of hills over
which hung the rounded outline of the
Wrekin, only distinguishable from a
cloud by its immobility. Many and oft
were the hours I had spent in watching
and drinking in all the beauty of
earth, and tree, and sky; why not
on this particular morning? The im-
mediate cause lay in two letters that lay on
the table. One had a narrow pink
envelope of that elongated form so much
affected by the fair sex. The other was
an unmistakable business letter, ad-
dressed in a clerical hand to William
Herbert, Esq., Paradise Place, Metal-
town."

"PLACE AUX DAMES—MY DEAREST
WILLIE:—And I really don't see
that we need be in any hurry to be mar-
ried. We have only been engaged a
year. You are only twenty-two, and I
am but nineteen; so we are quite young
enough to wait sometime longer yet.
Although grandma is a little queer, yet
I can hear with her easily, when I think
of the great happiness that is in store
for us sometime. Certainly, dear, we
might manage it, as you are so im-
patient, if, when your uncle's will is open-
ed, you have the £20 annuity you ex-
pect, but if you don't get it, your salary
of £120 is rather small to manage with.
I think, darling, we had better wait a
bit. Am I not a terribly worldly-wise
little thing?" &c.

This letter was signed "Mary."
Of course I had read her letter first,
and had inwardly resolved upon over-
coming her fears and getting married
off hand. But the second letter put a
champer on my hopes. It was from my
uncle's solicitor, and ran thus:

"DEAR SIR—The six months your
deceased relative directed his will to be
kept sealed were directed yesterday, and
the will was read by me before several of
his relatives. I am desired to make you
acquainted with the contents, and en-
close you a copy of will. You will see that,
contrary to our expectations, the will,
which your uncle himself made, and
kept sealed even from me, does not leave
you a penny. I am astonished at this
unaccountable conduct, and am grieved
at your disappointment. I am, sir,
yours faithfully,
"J. H. PROCTOR."

My bright hopes were banished, and
it was with a sorrowful heart that I
came to the conclusion that there was
nothing to do but to wait as patiently
as possible. Suddenly awakening to the
fact that I was half an hour late for the
office, I hastened toward, inwardly
praying that my principal, a large con-
tract, had not arrived. As soon as I en-
tered, however, the chief clerk said to
me, "Mr. Herbert, you are wanted in
Mr. Heywood's room." I hurried in,
feeling defiantly careless of the expected
reprimand.

"Good morning, Mr. Herbert, you
are late."

"I have had an unpleasant news, sir, and
forgot how the time was passing." And
I told him as much as I thought proper.
After some discursive talk, he said:

"I have been well pleased with your
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and have sent for you now to undertake
a rather ticklish matter. Oblige me
by listening while I put you in possession
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