

Original Poetry.

AN OLD MAID'S LAMENT.

Why should I be, that fate for me
A lonely lot is cast?
Has fate decreed that this I find
To prove me true at last?
I can't know why it is so,
It seems to me no fair;
I wish to know, I cannot guess,
Why 'tis so hard to bear.
'Tis true I know I had a beau
When I was aged twenty;
But after that there was no hat
Kept hanging in the entry!
When I was young, to change my name
I thought I'd got a chance;
I formed my plan, and found my man,
And told him to a dance.
But when I said, "Sir, will you wed?"
My offer he refused;
I asked why and his reply,
"I'd rather be excused."
Oh dear, dear me, why should it be
That I am left alone?
Of Adam's sons there is no one
To claim me for his own!

Train is loose again.

Rossini left 2,500,000 francs to his widow.

There are more Irish in America than in Ireland.

New Albany, (Ind.) Second Adventists have fixed the end of the world for next July 10th.

General Howard established the first prayer meeting ever held at West Point Academy.

The great question in France—after Louis Napoleon—what?

Joys are the flowers dropped in our path by the hand of Providence.

A country newspaper advertises: "Wanted, an honest boy to make a devil of."

Napoleon intends making his court like Bonaparte's, by creating a corps of pages.

It may be far less respectable to be able to wear fine clothes, than be able to make them.

The women who wear to excess the new fashionable head-gear are clearly *chignon compos mentis*.

Miss Walters, the notorious "Skittles" of London and Paris last life, died recently.

Fortifications are to be erected, at intervals, along all railroads leading from Paris to the German frontier.

An anti-sweating society has been formed among the operatives in a shoe factory in North Adams, Mass.

The wife and daughter of a lately become New York millionaire receive daily instructions in reading, writing and spelling.

It is stated that the Carlton, the chief English Tory Club, spent \$1,200,000 in gold in the recent general election.

Homan, who married Ole Bull's youngest daughter recently, and was one of Norway's best lawyers, committed suicide, while temporarily insane.

The Council of State of the Canton of Unterwalden, Switzerland, has published an edict forbidding any youth under 18 years to smoke, under a severe penalty.

It is said that G. P. R. James, after successfully naming one hundred novels and romances could find no suitable title for his hundred and first work, and was forced to call it "A Story without a Name."

In the room of a wretched old man who starved to death in a garret, in Paris, recently, 35,000 francs were found in a drawer.

A New Jersey dandy eloped with her adorer, and married another lover while the first one was in quest of a minister.

From statistics recently published it is estimated that while in 1835 there was only one mad man to 2,500 souls in France, there is now one to every 400.

Says Kate to her new husband "John," "What rock does true love build upon?" "Quoth John, and grinned from ear to ear."

"The rock of yonder cradle, dear."

Derby Centre, a small New Hampshire village, contains twenty-nine marriageable widows, and only one widower, and he is nearly ninety years old.

A young woman wrote an article for a temperance paper, and quoted, "Give me a cat in the valley I love," which appeared, "Give me a cat in the valley I love."

A few Sundays ago a banquet of 400 covers was given in honor of a fireman who, in Paris, on August 3th, saved the lives of ten persons at the imminent risk of his own life. A silver medal accompanied the honor.

Sinola, Mexico, with a population of 160,000, has a semi-weekly, and three weekly papers. For each issue of the former, the Government pays \$50. Its editor, appointed by the Governor, receives only \$700 a year.

To relieve the famine in Rajpootana India, the Maharajah of Jeypore has abolished the duties on all sorts of grain by which generous act he loses \$10,000, but receives the thanks of the Government and the blessings of the people.

A gentleman received an unpaid letter commencing: "Sir, your letter of yesterday bears upon its face the stamp of falsehood."

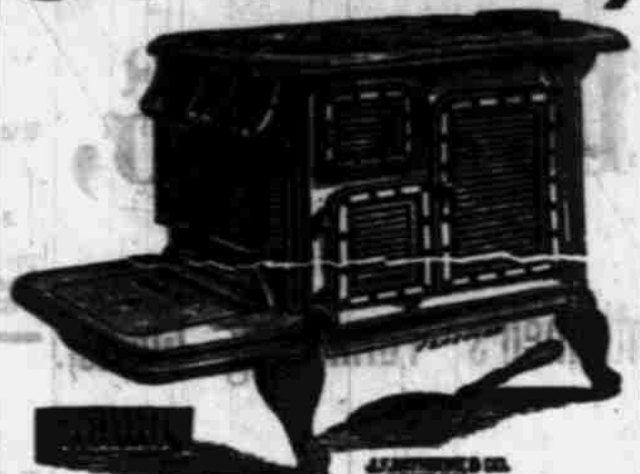
His answer was brief and to the purpose. "Sir, I only wish your letter of yesterday bore upon its face a stamp of any kind."

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