THE PORT OF PLEASANT DREAMS.

I sailed in the good ship Fancy
From the cold, deep river of Sleep,
From the lands of black Remember
To a port that the sunbeams keep;
While the glad winds followed after,
And sang with a happy note,
And I heard them creep o'er the infant moon
As it lay on the night's broad boat.

And the port of the good ship Fancy,
A port that the sunbeams keep,
Is called Pleasant Dreams, whose equal is
Not on the strange, dark river of Sleep.

There, flushed with the wine of laughter,
The voyager stops gaily ashore,
And, arrayed in a coat of the sunset,
Takes off with the elfin Giveaway
Up through the rose Gladness,
Where the round little moons soon stay,
To the stars shining in the cool, soft gloom
Of a place far away.

There are none too gray for a voyage
To this port that is centuries old,
Where Danger's or Pain's a tempest,
And poverty owns no gold;
Where, robed in the garb of morning,
The earth is new beauty shown,
And the accent of the sunrise
Is worn on the heart of the rose.

Oh from the decks of sorrow,
Or the brink of the river of Sleep,
Was fallen some, and wearied,
They sail on its watery deep;
Till over through the gates of Sundown
The past, like a beacon, smites,
And lave, sweet mariner, anchors
In the port of Pleasant Dreams.

—Byron Crockett in Frank Leslie's Illustrated.

His Call Answered.

Mr. Balfour's predecessor as lord rector of Glasgow university have all been distinguished men. Lord Beaconsfield (when Mr. Disraeli) held the office for two terms. On the Sunday after the day on which the rectorial address was delivered he attended the university chapel. It was a gloomy November day, and the chapel was be-coming very dark, when the principal (Dr. Caird), the most famous preacher in Scotland, came to a passage where he called out in the most impassioned tone:

"Light! more light! was the cry of the dying teacher"—when, lo! the whole building burst into splendor. The beadles had, just previously, gone out to turn up the gas. Even Disraeli's usually impassive countenance bore its smile.—London Tit-Bits.

He Was Selfish.

An Arabic anecdote, illustrative of the selfishness of selfishness, which enables it to glide into the heart of a saint, is told of the holy Mohammedan, Sakati.

He said that for twenty years he had never ceased imploring divine pardon for having once exclaimed, "Praise be to God!" On being asked the reason for such persistent praying he answered:

"A fire broke out in Baghdad, and a person came to me and told me that my shop had escaped, on which I utered those words, and even to this moment I repent of having said so, because it showed that I wished better to myself than to others."

The Leading Sects.

To what sects do Yale and Princeton colleges belong? What is the leading sect in the United States?

Yale is Congregationalist and Princeton non-sectarian. The Protestant sect which stands first in point of numbers in this country is the Methodist, which, according to the latest figures, has about 4,700,000 members. Of course the Roman Catholic denomination is much larger than the Methodist, being credited with from 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 communicants in this country.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Wash Your New Socks.

A pair of new socks, fresh from the store, look very comfortable to the feet, but the man who wears them before they are washed makes a mistake. Hosiery should always be washed before being worn, as the washing shrinks the threads and makes the socks wear as long again, besides preventing the feet from being injured by the coloring. When put on before washing they stretch out of shape, and can never be restored to the original form.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fishes That Sing.

The siren, a little six inch eleb variety of the iguana of Italy, sticks its head above the water and sings a dainty song equal to that of some species of warbling birds; trigla hirundo (the sea swallow) is known to every fisherman of the Danube and the Rhine by the peculiar grunting noise it makes. Trigla nolitans make a whining noise like a young puppy, while sciena gathers in bands to hold regular concerts, no doubt originating the fable of the Sirens.—St. Louis Republic.

Why He Was Appointed.

They tell a story of a young man who went to a little town down in North Carolina some time ago, and recently wrote home that he had been appointed postmaster. His sudden elevation surprised the folks at home until he explained that as he was the only one in the town who ever wrote or received a letter the postmistress had turned the office over to him.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

In the Stationery Store.

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A Monstrous Hog.

One of the largest hogs in America, if not in fact the largest in the world, was raised by a Junction City (Kan.) man. The length was 8 feet and 9 inches; girth of neck, 6 1-2 feet; girth of center of body, 8 feet; width across the hips, 30 inches; weight, 1,032 pounds.—St. Louis Republic.

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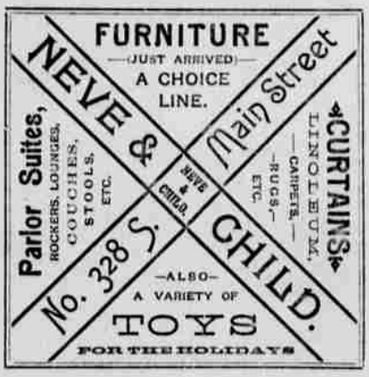

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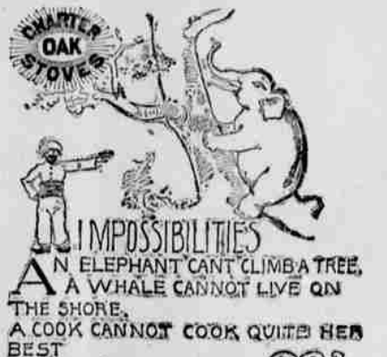

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