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POETICAL.

I SIGH OF HOME.
I only see through the blinding tears
The wild vines 'round the doorway clinging,
And ever in my wavy eyes
The wild birds' songs we sing.

In the still watch of the night,
Soft sleep in my sealed eye descires,
The Edes of my young delight
Enshrouded amidst its roses.

Ours many is the old home I stand,
And our dear family friends,
The presence of my mother's hand,
I feel her warm caresses.

Butts the kindly flowing river,
I cross it in my brother's play,
And the green and sloping hill
My sweet-sweet sister stay.

With these dear loved ones here in hand,
I wonder through the sunshiny meadow,
Gazing, twice with wavy head
A wreath of flowers and grass.

I now beside the flowing river,
Upon the green and sloping hill
Gazing, at twilight's hour, the hill
To watch the sun's declining.

Sheo my child-sweetest and
I touch the green and sloping hill
Or walk the wavy hill where yet
The fading sun-light lingers.

The world around, the scenes before me,
I see in moonlight sleeping.
The vision vanishes I wake
To find the night is weeping.

VARIETY.

J.P. Smith the auctioneer, is a popular man, a wit and a gentleman. No person offended at what he says, and many a hearty laugh has been provoked by his humorous sayings. He was recently engaged at a sale of valuable household furniture and has knocked down sundry lots of kitchen furniture and fixtures. He had just got to "going, going, a half and a half," going, when he cast a smiling countenance upon agricultural shoulders, winking at him. A wink is always as good as a nod to a blind horse or a keen sighted auctioneer, so Smith winked and the men winked, and they kept winking and Smith kept going, going, going, with a lot of glassware, stove pipes, carpets, pots and perfume, and finally the whole was knocked down to a "half and a half," and Smith, gazing at the smiling stratober. "Who's goods?" said the stratober. "I dunno who." "You, sir," said Smith. "She, ma?" "Yes, yes," said Smith. "You bid on the lot." "No!" "I'll be goll done if I did," insisted the stranger. "Why, didn't you wink and keep winking?" "I am the auctioneer." "Winking well, I didn't do you wink at me." I thought you were winking as much as that, to keep dark. I'll think somebody is lot of staff. I winked, as much as to say—"I'll be goll done if you don't, master I."

A distinguished Georgian lawyer says that in his younger days he taught a boy's school, and requiring the pupils to write compositions, he sometimes received some of a very peculiar sort, of which the following is a specimen:

"On Industry.—It is bad for a man to be idle. Industry is the best thing a man can have, and a wife is the next. Prophets and kings desired it long, and died without the size. The End."

Here is another—
"On the Seasons.—There are four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter. They are all pleasant. Some people may like spring best; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death. The End."

The following conversation is said to have taken place between a boarding house keeper and a servant:
"Bridget, what did you do with the fellow Mr. Smith? He raised his boots with yesterday morning?"
"Please, sir, I used it to take the griddle cakes with."

"It is well, you did, Bridget; I thought you had treated it!"

The last serious objection which we have heard made to the coined of gold dollars, is that of a stony old fellow, who maintains that in consequence of their diminutive size, they may be dropped by mistake, occasionally, into the contribution box—He will never be guilty of such an error, at any rate.

The Italian lover spends his time in sleeping; the Turkish lover is dreaming; the Spanish in praying; the French in laughing; the English in swearing; the Russian in gambling; the Hungarians in smoking; the German in drinking; and the American in talking politics.

"Sal!" cried a girl looking out of the upper story window of a small grocery, and addressing another girl who was trying to enter at the front door, "we've all been converted; so when you want talk on Sunday you will have to come in the back way."

"A lad who had lately gone to service, having had salaried every day for a week, ran away because, said he, 'they made me sit in the sun in the summer, and in the winter, I was afraid they'd make me eat hay in the winter; so I ran off.'

A vote deficient in personal beauty, said to Sheridan, "I began to withdraw my countenance from you." "Many thanks for the favor," replied the candidate, "for it is the ugliest mark I ever saw."

A certain auctioneer ordered his clerk to advertise an oil painting "a, fresco by Raphael," which he did, but the competitor who set it up tendered it a fresh coat by rags.

"Buy Bulwer's last work," said a sharp-savvy, the other day, to a gentle man on the ferry boat. "No," said the man, "I'm Bulwer himself." "Well, buy the 'Women of England.' Sir; you are not 'Mrs. Ellis,' are you?"

What a want of gallantries! What a want of gallantries, don't appeal to her heart, but her feelings. One squeeze of the hand, or press of the lips is worth a dozen speeches. Gallantries is an institution of touch, not of logic.

A young married woman being told that St. Paul said, that they who married did well, but they who did not marry did better, replied that she did not want to do any better than well.

A chap, being asked what he took for a bad cold, replied, "Four pocket handkerchiefs a day."

"Sally, what time does your folks dine?" "At 6 o'clock, sir." "When do you go to bed?" "At 10 o'clock." "What's the time?" "Midnight."

"One of the safest places during a thunder-storm in a railroad car in motion, because it is furnished with a conductor."

"What else did Cain's mother of his brother have on Abel's wife?" Ans.—Made her miserable—(misses her Abel).

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Young Men.—And others, afflicted with sexual difficulty, "whether originating from a certain destructive habit, or from any other cause, with the female, should make an application to him, as he has a knowledge of his medical condition to be more moderate in his charges than could possibly be made by where he is called."

The rapid advance of this truly terrible disease, it is sufficient to alarm the boldest heart. When a doctor and disengaged himself, with a heavy heart, to put up in neat and compact boxes, for safe keeping, his papers in a case of violent inflammation, no change, did not

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