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## VARIETY.

MOTHER, HOME, AND HEAVEN.  
To the above words may be most appropriate added one other, which in its entire combination is equal to all, and calls up recollections so sweet as well as brings into play the different sentiments of the heart—“home is ‘where’—heaven is ‘why’—only love, and all power, in the universe, there are four—instead of three, each deserving the name of the dearest to be found in the English language.”—MOTHER, HOME, WIFE AND HEAVEN.

How true were those words of that writer who said, that the dearest words to be found in the English language were—“Mother, home, and Heaven.”

“The dearest words are the heart’s thrills with sweet emotion, and those with wild emotion, and repeat them again.”

What dearest name canask? Dear, in sunny childhood, as a sport in innocent games around our lap-sides; and a mother, in death, uniting us forever, in a joy.

In after years we go forth in the wide, wide world, change in the more advanced scenes of life, and the loved ones there. These dear, weary wanderers on life’s trials, as he is about leaving, his future glorious home, looks back upon his youth, home and childhood scenes.

His spirit is about departing from its clay tenement, and his mind, as it endures with least powers of perception, sees back down the dim and shadowy valley of the past, to the time he has come from man’s life’s pilgrimage, and, in imagination, a life again in the past. At a still retrospective glance, he beholds the scenes of his youth. Those hours of joy and sorrow, how add to his past quicksilver, and make his bitter bitters on the couch of eternal world; his thoughts are his mother and Heaven. True, there is much charm in each word.

The thought of home, and friends, has often reclaimed the victim of dissipation from the haunts of vice, to the paths of rectitude, where every other persuasion has failed. Oh! have we withheld temptation, when our thoughts have turned to our watchful parent, and the dear ones at home?

The hardened reprobate, about to stone for the crimes he has committed, with sincere repentance looks back to the scenes of his youthful days, and exclaims, with faltering voice and breaking heart—“Ah! had I but heeded the counsels and admonitions of that parent dear, I should not have been here, the object of both pity and contempt. Forget not a mother’s counsel and advice, and let Heaven our future home, ever be the watchword of all!”

## LOOK UP, THOU BALD-HEAD.

The following is from a medical journal published in Paris:

Several scientific journals lately announced a discovery which will not prove to be the least curious or remarkable of our age. Mr. Stock, a chemist of Stuttgart, has recently discovered a vegetable substance, which is endowed with the surprising and singularly remarkable property of reviving the capillary bulbs in case of badness. The experiments which have just been made in Paris on a number of honorable persons, who had been bald for several years, and on whom this preparation has caused the hair to return with incredible activity of growth have no doubt as to the manifest action of this new conquest of science!

## THE INTENDING BRIDEGROOM.

An ignorant fellow, who was about to get married, resolved to make himself perfect in the responses of the marriage ceremony; but by mistake he committed to memory the office of baptism for those of riper years; so when the clergyman asked him in church “Will thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?” the bridegroom answered, very solemnly—“I renounce them all!” The astonished minister said, “I think you a fool!” To which he replied, “All this I steadfastly believe.”

A numerous old man fell in with an ignorant and rather impudent young master, who, when he addressed the old gentleman in very polite terms, that he would never reach heaven unless he was born again; and added, “I have experienced that change, and now feel no anxiety.”

“And have you been born again?”

“Yes; I trust I have.”

“Well,” said the old gentleman, eying him attentively, “I don’t think it would hurt you, man, to be born once more.”

A man once travelling by a stagecoach in Michigan, was unfortunate enough to be on a bad road, where he was obliged to go on foot, and carry a fence rail to help get the stage out of mud holes. Bounding exhausted and impatient, he addressed the driver: “Look here, old fellow, I’ve no objections to paying ten cents a mile for my fare, and no objections to going on foot, but I’ll not carry that rail another rod.”

Naturalists, when they write, are in the habit of recording such wonderful things, that one would imagine they labored under the idea that, instead of a natural history, they were writing a history for naturalists!

The triumph of a woman lies not in the admiration of her lover, but in the respect of her husband; and that is gained by a constant cultivation of those qualities which she knows he most values.

There is a great difference between talking and acting. The men who promise the most, and talk the loudest, are men who stand at the moment of need, and turn the cold shoulder.

On being asked if he had any advice for his son, the father said, “Keep as much as possible at doors. What exercises you take, always take late at night, and keep it up until five in the morning.”

A strange genius, in describing a lake in Minnesota, says it is as clear, that by looking into it you can see them making tea in China.

When the Irishman first tried peach, as he said he liked their flavor, but the seeds lay hard in his stomach.

No man can think small care of himself when he is well aware that he is short.

If you want to preserve your child, do not stuff them.

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