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POETICAL.

THE LOVE KNOT.

By ROSE FERN.

Tying her bonnet under her chin,
She tied her raven ringlets in;
Bathed alone in her silver mare,
Did she catch her lovely floating hair;
For tying her bonnet under her chin,
She tied a young man's heart within.

They were strolling together up the hill,
Where the wind comes blowing merrily and chill;
And it blew the girls a frolicsome race,
Up over the sunny gold-colored face.
Till, smiling and laughing, they fled them in,
Under her bonnet, dimpled chin.

And it blew a color, bright as the bloom
Of the pinkest fuschia's tossing plume,
All over the cheeks of the prettiest girl
That ever impressed a romping curl.
Or, in tying her bonnet under her chin,
She tied a young man's heart within.

Stepper and stepper grew the hill—
Madder, madder, chilches still.
The western wind blew down and played
The wildest tricks with the little maid,
She tied her bonnet under her chin,
She tied a young man's heart within.

Oh, western wind do you think it was fair,
To play such tricks with her flowing hair?
To bind her against the young man's breast,
Whose cheek was like a golden field in bloom,
And kissed her mouth and dimpled chin.

Oh, Every Wave you little thought,
An hour ago when you leapt.
This country has to walk with you
After the sun had dried the dew,
What perilous dangers you'd be in,

As she tied her bonnet under her chin.

VARIETY.

WAGGERY.

Some time ago, on the Sabbath day, we wended our way to one of our churches, and instead of a sermon, heard an address upon some missionary or other benevolent subject. After the address was concluded, two brethren were sent around with a basket for contributions. Person _____, who was one of the basket holders, took the side upon which we sat. Immediately in our front and upon the next seat negligently inclined our friend Bill II, a gentleman of inimitable humor, and full of dry jokes. Person I _____ extended the basket, and Bill allowed his head to drop.

"Come, William, give us something," said the Parson.

"Can't do it," replied Bill.

"Why not? Is not the cause a good one?"

"Yes; but I am not able to give anything."

"Poh! poh! I know better; you must give me better reason than that."

"Well, I have too much money; I must be just before I am generous, you know."

"Well, Will; you'll have a larger debt than you owe any one else."

"That's true, Parson; but then He isn't pushing me like the balance of my creditors."

The Parson's face got into a rather curious condition, and he passed on.

"The painter Barret had an old cat and kitten which were his nearest and dearest friends. A person calling on him one day, observed two holes under the door, and asked him for what purpose he made them there. He said it was for his cats to go in and out."

"Would not one hole do for both?" inquired his friend.

"Silly man," said Barret, "how could the big cat go through the little hole!"

"But," replied the other, "could not the little cat go through the big hole?"

"Yes," said Barret, "and so she could, but I never thought of that."

"On the arrival of an emigrant ship, some years ago, when the North America lay off the Battery, an Irishman, bearing the gun fired at sunset, inquired of our sailors what that was?"

"What's that? Why, that's the sunset!" was the contemptuous reply.

"Sunset!" exclaimed Paddy, with distended eyes; "unset! Holy Moses! and does the sun go down in this country with such a bang as that?"

"Pedagogue!—Well, sir, what does hair spell?"

"Boy!—Don't know."

"Pedagogue!—What have you got on your head?"

"Boy!—I guess it's a skeeter bite, it itches like thunder."

"A young poet out west, in describing Heaven, says it's a world of bliss fenced in with girls."

"It is true; and we are so fortunate as to get there, we intend to ask permission to sleep in the fence corners."

"The author of the following should be watched or he might back out."

A big blunder, durh! I bi!

I bid farewell to every fear,

Then while mine weeping I,

And my misfortune from year to year.

"You'll have to bear the responsibility; said a mother to a bright-eyed young daughter of our acquaintance, who thought of marrying without the maternal approbation. 'I expect to bear several, ma,' said Fauny."

"Jury," said a Western Judge, "you kill go out and find a verdict. If you can't find one of your own, get the one the last jury used." They returned a verdict of guilty, which he said, Dr. Fern would make in the ninth degree.

"An exchange says a Divining out West is trying to purloin girls to forego marriage. It says he succeeded so far as to persuade one, and she is about seventy years old."

"One of the editors of the Boston Post says, 'We have quit the world as much as others, but have never been happier than when a boy found a partridge's nest with eleven eggs in it.'

"Isn't them fellows alive now?" said an urchin to his teacher.

"What follows do you mean, my dear?"

"Why Paul, and Luke, and Deuteronomy, and them."

"I am in constant fear of the lightning, having abandoned one of his acquaintances, who was the reason of his absence, to which he replied—"

"Why, sir, I apprehend he was of apprehension of being apprehended."

"Six feet in his boots!" exclaimed old Mrs. Hossway. What will the impertinence of this world come to, indeed? Why, they must tell me that a man had six heads in his hat."

"What is the best line to lead a man with a Crino line; and the best to lead a woman with a Maseu-line."

Wanted by a Dutch gardener, a journeyman cooper to head a cabbage."

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