

THE COLORED CITIZEN.

NOTHING THAT CONCERNS MANKIND IS FOREIGN TO ME.

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you were a thousand pangs in after-life, and also rest, and quietude every day from your approving conscience, as well as your mother's loving smile.

HOW TO DO A KIND DEED. Just in front of my window is a hill, where the children come to count in snow time. It is very long, and the slope is very gentle.

Parlor and Fireside.

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THE OBERLEA. For several days the papers have been filled with notices of the cholera epidemic which has been excited by the suppressed immunities of the dreadful calamity. The newspapers at first contributed to this anxiety, and had the pestilence been really present in our atmosphere, it could hardly have failed to have excited people. One of the strongest proofs that the miasmatic condition of the atmosphere, which produces epidemic cholera, has not thus far, reached us is the fact that, with such moral predisposition of the people for its influence, it has not been able to reveal itself.

I'LL CALL TO-MORROW. It is never quite safe to be cheerful or impetuous. A Philadelphia manufacturer once lost some extensive orders from Russia by a want of attention to visitors, and the following incident, said to be literally true, is told of another Philadelphia trader, who subjected himself to great mortification by impetuosity to Washington Irving. He had been annoyed by many idle calls, and became a little crossy.

CHINESE JUGGLING. While walking on the bank of the river this afternoon, near the foot of the Grand Canal, I saw some clever juggling. A Cabal, about fifteen years of age, performed the needle trick in an exceedingly expert manner. He commenced by sticking a dozen of common sewing needles upon the end of a piece of wax, and allowed them to the lookers-on. A examination of them, amongst it to be an ordinary sharp-pointed needle. Having done this, he placed them, one after the other, between his lips, and sucked them slowly into his mouth; and, to all appearance, swallowed them. He then walked round the circle with his mouth open, and allowed the people to look into it; but nothing was to be seen of the needles. He then took a crystal ball, about the size of a walnut, and placing it between his teeth, drew it into his mouth, and all appearance, swallowed it.

AT OUR LOVE BOY. "Willie," said Mrs. Prouty to her little boy, "I wish you to do an errand for me. Won't you put on your hat and go quickly, for I am in haste?" "O' mother," whined Willie, "I want to finish this book; can't Harry go? I've brought in some wood, and—"

WISCONSINOUS. GINSENG—WHAT IS IT?—In our weekly market reports, the information regarding Ginseng is just so much Greek to many of our readers, and the question, "What is the value of Ginseng?" is a very common one. Ginseng is a native of the Chinese Tartary, affecting mountainous situations, shaded by cool woods; but it has long been known that the plant is also a native of North America. Mr. Lorrain transmitted specimens of it from his discovery in Canada, Pennsylvania and Virginia, by LaSalle, Kalm, Bartra, and others, correspond exactly with the Tartarian variety. The dried root of Ginseng is nearly the thickness of the little finger, about three or four inches long, of a yellowish, and internally white, and naturally of a yellowish color. The Chinese ascribe extraordinary virtues to the root, and consider it a sovereign remedy in all diseases to which they are liable. In America, no value is set upon Ginseng as a medicine and it is gathered only for shipment, and large quantities are exported from Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. In 1859 the trade in Richland county, Wisconsin, is stated to have amounted to \$80,000.

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THE FAILURES AND FALSEHOODS OF HUMAN LIFE.

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What a lesson is the life of Josephine to those parents and guardians who break the natural current of affection from the hearts of their daughters or wards, merely for considerations of wealth, family or fame!

Let all such, read the life of Josephine by Abbott. Let all the “Williams” too, be advertised that no wealth, nor blood, nor fame can be substituted for such a heart and head as Josephine’s.

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She was “friendless and neglected.” What attention from all the rest of the world, could counterbalance the choice of her own Napoleon, of the possibility of a succession to his throne, to the exclusion and neglect of her whom he professed ardently to love, from his life long society and comfort!

She was poor! What was all the wealth of the world to her who had lost the idol of her heart? Six hundred thousand dollars had no more power than so many grains of sand to heal her wounded spirit. What were the beauties of her palace, and the embellishment of its apartments, when he, whose presence gave them their highest interest and value, was a prisoner at Elba; and what was the title of “Empress” to her who was bereft of the “Emperor!” Let her answer these questions. “If I learn that I am the only one who will fulfill her duty, (that is, that there is no animate wall between you and me, no new wife that will be in my way,) *nothing* shall detain me. I will go to the *only place* where, henceforth, there *can be happiness for me*. Sure I shall be able to console you when you are there isolated and unfortunate. Say but the word and I depart!” (See the whole letter pa 324.) What, Josephine! leave all the outside wealth, all the embellishments and attractions of the beautiful palace of Malmaison, the attentions of nobles, kings and emperors, for the society of a conquered and banished invader of nations, on a lone rocky island of the ocean? She answers, “I am a true woman, there only is the object of my heart’s adoration. Excluded from that, no wealth, grandeur nor magnificence on earth, has charms for me.”

Such was Josephine’s heart, designed to be the very paradise of the man who

J. P. SAMPSON, MANAGER.

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Poetry.

IN THE FIRELIGHT.

BY JOHN HAY.

My dear wife sits beside the fire,
With folded hands and dreaming eyes—
Watching the restless flame aspire,
And wrapped in thrilling memories.
Mark the fitful firelight fling
Its warm caresses on her brow,
And kiss her hands, unmelting snow,
And glisten on her wedding ring.

See proud, free head that crowns so well
The neck superb, whose outlines glide
To the bosom's perfect swell,
Soft billows by its peaceful tide;
See cheeks' faint flush, the lips red glow,
The gracious charms her beauty wears,
Fill my fond eyes with tender tears,
In the days of long ago;

Years long ago, when in her eyes
The only heaven I cared for lay,
I fled from our thoughtless Paradise
All care and toil dwelt far away;
I found hope in wayward fancies thro'—
And rioted in secret sweets,
I was beguiled by Passion's dear deceits—
The mysteries of maiden love.

Three years had passed since first my sight
Was gladdened by her girlish charms,
I met her on a rapturous summer night
Clasped her in possessing arms.
I know three years have rolled away
And left such blessings as their dower!
I owe her three fold at this hour
The love that lit our wedding day.

Now, vague-hovering o'er her form,
By fancy views, by love refined,
Warmer and a dearer charm
By wedlock's mystic hands entwined;
The golden coil of wifely cares
That years have forged, the loving joy
That guards the curly-headed boy,
I keep an hour ago upstairs.

My dear young mother, pure as fair,
With matron heart and virgin soul—
Flickering light that crowns her hair
Seems like a saintly aureole!
Under sense upon me falls
That joy unmerited is mine,
And, in this pleasant twilight shine,
Perfect bliss myself appals.

Go back, my darling! strayed so far
To the realm of phantasy—
Why dear face shine like a star
Love-light beaming over me;
Melting soul's jealous, sweet,
Thy long silence, drear eclipse;
Kiss me back with living lips,
O, love, lying at thy feet!

(See pa. 38, Life of Josephine.) The historian gives an account of the prediction of a sable negress, to Josephine respecting her future course of life. She said to Josephine,—

“You will soon be married. That union will not be happy. You will become a widow and then you will be Queen of France. Some happy years will be yours, and then you will die in a hospital, amid civil commotions.” (pa. 250.)

On this “prophesy the historian remarks,—“In subsequent years, when, toiling through the vicissitudes of her most eventful life, she recalled the singular coincidence between her destiny and the prediction, and seemed to consider that the negress, with prophetic vision, had laid out her wonderful course.”

Mr. Abbott, though he treats the “prediction” as “Sorcery,” admits that all was correct except the “dying in a hospital amid civil commotions,” of which he says, (pa. 26,) “This part of the prediction proved to be utterly untrue. Josephine, instead of dying in a hospital, died in the beautiful palace of Malmaison. Instead of dying in poverty, she was one of the richest ladies in Europe, receiving an income of six thousand dollars a year.

The grounds around her palace were embellished with all the attractions, and her apartments furnished with every luxury which opulence could procure. Instead of dying in friendlessness and neglect, the Emperor Alexander of Russia, stood by her bedside; the most illustrious kings and nobles of Europe, crowded her court, and did her homage. And, though she was separated from her husband, she still retained the title of Empress, and was the object of his most sincere affection, and esteem.” “Thus, this prediction, upon which so much stress has been laid, seems to vanish in thin air.” (pa. 227.)

Never was a prediction more erroneously or injuriously interpreted. We give it a very different interpretation, not to prove true all the prophesy, about which we care nothing, but to counteract the bad influence of Mr. Abbott's view of her passive and spiritual life. The sorceress had said, in answer to Josephine's request for an explanation, “I am not permitted to render my revelations more clear.” (pa. 22d). This was the case with all the Bible prophets as well as “sorcerers,” and hence the various interpretations of scripture prophecies.

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The colored citizen, a weekly journal of news, literature, and conducted by colored men for the special benefit of colored men, has now entered the third year of its existence...

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Ohio gained an enviable distinction during the war by the ability of her generals; and she is now attracting no less attention from the ability of her congressional delegation.

IMPORTANT CASES A FREEDMEN'S COURT.

The colored newspaper reports at length an important trial which took place in Nashville recently. We have space for only a sketch. John Freeman, a colored man of large means, in 1851 bequeathed to his wife Julia...

A correspondent writes us from Lebanon, Ky., as follows: 'A company of citizens of Bradfordsville, Ky., on May 12th, entered Lebanon, and began to exhibit themselves by carving, shouting, and annoying the citizens.'

ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

The 33rd Anniversary was held, May 31st, in the church of the Parkers, N. Y. City, in the presence of Messrs. Stewart, Chase, Gen. Saxton, and Judge Kelly...

AN ENGINEER IN HATE.

The Nation quotes from the London Daily News portions of a letter written to that journal by a gentleman known in this country as the author of a proposition to establish an American lectureship at the University of Cambridge in England...

THE REBELLION HAS ENDED.

The rebellion has ended, and the country is now in a state of peace and tranquility. The war has been a great calamity to our country, and it is now time to turn our attention to the reconstruction of the Union.

The Reconstruction of the Union is a task of great importance. It requires the cooperation of all citizens, and it is the duty of every man to do his part in this great work.

THE CONVENTION OF THE NON-EPISCOPAL METHODISTS.

The Convention of the Non-Episcopal Methodists has been held in session in our city for several days past. A report has been made of the proceedings, and it is found that the convention was a success.

The trustees of Zion Church have made some improvements in their house of worship, with a view to taste and security in case of an accident. New steps have been built in front, and the doors made to swing outward.

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ALL IN GOOD FAITH.

Be aware of the man who will tell you character, or your interest, they tell you in honest words; that it was all in good faith, and he did not mean to do you any harm.

PERSONAL.

An article in our last week's issue, headed as above, and signed Horace Morris, was rather a poor attempt at a creation; and met with just the failure it deserved.

LOUISVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Horace Morris, Editor. The Louisville Department is a department of our paper, and it is the duty of every man to do his part in this great work.

REMARKS.

Last Sunday evening, a colored man was seen walking down the street, and he was seen to be in a state of distress.

THE COLLEGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY.

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Children's Garment.

THE LITTLE BOY'S DREAM.
Last night when I was bed,
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Rare, First Issue Of Paper Found

CINCINNATI, Apr. 20 (AP)—A complete copy of the first issue of "The Colored Citizen," a weekly newspaper published by Cincinnati Negroes, has been found at the University of Cincinnati. It is believed to be the only copy in existence.

The paper is dated Nov. 7, 1863, and one other issue of the paper, dated Mar. 19, 1866, is the property of the Worcester, Mass., American Antiquarian Society.

The paper is believed to have been published here from 1863 to 1869. Dr. Reginald C. McGrane,

head of U.C.'s history department, called the issue found here "a rare historical treasure."

The Cincinnati copy was discovered by two geology graduate students at the bottom of a box of local fossils long stored in the campus museum.