

A LIMO.

A little crib beside the bed,
A little face above the spread;
A little flock behind the door,
A little shoe upon the floor.

II

A little lad with dark-brown hair,
A little blue-eyed face and fair;
A little lane that leads to school,
A little pencil, slate and rule.

III

A little blithsome, winsome maid,
A little hand within his laid;
A little cottage, acres four,
A little old-time household store.

IV

A little family gathering round
A little turf-heaped, tear-dewed mound;
A little added to his soil,
A little rest from honest toil.

V

A little silver in his hair,
A little stool and easy chair;
A little night of Faith-lit gloom,
A little cortege to the tomb.

NEWS.

PERSONAL.

The Emperor of China is fourteen years of age, and his affianced bride eleven.

The little Abyssinian Prince Theodore is at school in the Isle of Wight, England.

The Emperor of Austria has made Baron Von Beust, his Prime Minister, a Count.

Madame Parepa-Rosa did a neat thing in going to California—realized \$73,000 from forty-nine performances.

Mrs. Morrill, Mrs. Fanning, and Mrs. Walheimer, have been elected Deaconesses of the Rev. H. Ward Beecher's Church.

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens has been elected Professor of History in the University at Georgia.

Emile Deschamps, the first poet of the romantic French school, has been struck by ophthalmia so he can hardly distinguish light from darkness.

Gustave Dore has twice proposed to Christina Nilsson and twice been rejected. But believing that there is luck in odd numbers, he is going to try it again.

A carpenter in Washington prizes among his best treasures a scrap of paper on which is written: "If you have a piece of board to spare, please let Tad have it. A. Lincoln."

Chief-Justice Robertson, of the Superior Court of New York, who died, after a brief illness, on the 18th ult., was probably a man of more varied and thorough culture than any jurist now on the bench in this State.

A daughter of the late Hon. Thomas H. Benton, and a sister of Mrs. Gen. John C. Fremont, is now engaged as a teacher in one of the public schools in San Francisco, California.

A correspondent of the London Times announces that Mr. P. T. Barnum is about to establish a museum in the popular American sense, in London. The great showman will also take to England a race horse which proposes to enter for the Derby.

His Majesty of Turkey is noted for love of music, and plays the piano with considerable skill. He has had a splendid instrument made for him, and on this he extemporizes and composes. One of his compositions, entitled "Melancholy," is published with his name in full—Abdul Aziz Khan—by Ricordi, Milan.

The late Duchess of Sutherland was a model matchmaker, and provided admirably for her daughters. One she married to the Duke of Argyll, and another will be Duchess of Leinster. A third (very beautiful) is married to the eldest son of the Marquis of Westminster, whose wealth no man can count; and a granddaughter has just been affianced to Lord Percy, heir to the Dukedom of Northumberland.

It appears that the Mrs. Augustus Dickens who committed suicide in Chicago recently was formerly a Miss Bertha Phillips, with whom Dickens eloped, leaving his legal wife at home in England, where she still lives. In Illinois, however, Dickens obtained a divorce from her and married Bertha Phillips, the companion of his flight, who was recognized as his wife up to the time of his death.

Mark Twain (Samuel M. Clemens) is a man about thirty-two years of age sparsely built, of medium height, and wears on his face a dark brown moustache. His features are as fair as a boy's, and in his two eyes there twinkles boundless humor. He dresses in scrupulous black, pants' vest and swallow-tail coat, and a small diamond glimmers in his shirt bosom. In lecturing he seldom casts a glance on the manuscript on the tripod, but walks jauntily to and fro before his audience.

A citizen of Portland, Maine, thinks the world is to be visited by a second deluge. He is accordingly converting his entire property—\$8,000—into an ark. The boat will be fifty feet long, fifteen feet wide, flat bottomed, square sterned, round bows, with a house just aft of midships. The proprietor is planning and building the affair himself. He does not intend to launch it, but will simply store it with provisions and proceed to keep house in it—prepared, at any time for the rising of the waters.

A gentleman who recently saw Mr. Bryant, of the Post, in his editorial sanctum, at editorial work, says he does that sort of thing every day when in town, and he is mostly in town during winter. He is in his seventy-fifth year, and in excellent health; a great pedestrian, and in every way industrious. His remarks at the Historical Society on the evening of Mr. Motley's lecture were very happy. He maintained a strict general oversight over his paper, though he avoids, as is proper, the mere drudgery of the editorial life, leaving that to younger men. But he writes a good deal, and guides the course of his journal as ever.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A newly-invented velocipede is being manufactured at Atchinson, Kansas. It has three wheels, but can be changed to the ordinary two-wheeled velocipede in five minutes.

St. Louis has a new patent velocipede. The back of the rider is supported by a chain which acts as a tiller. It has two back wheels five feet in diameter, and is moved by both the arms and legs.

Chicago has been swindled out of \$2,000,000 worth of real estate within its limits, by means of forged deeds and fraudulent tax titles. Robert Lincoln suffers by the discovery, as he purchased in good faith of the speculators several lots of land which belonged to the city.

The record of judgments rendered by the United States Court of Claims during the past year is just published. The Court gave favorable judgments in one hundred and fifty-three cotton cases, the cotton having been captured by the United States forces. The claimants in all such suits are required to prove loyalty to the United States at the time of the capture. The aggregate of the cotton claims is five hundred thousand dollars. The sums awarded range from under one thousand dollars to forty-four thousand dollars.

At a large meeting held in Buffalo, the Mayor presiding, resolutions were adopted denunciatory of the present system of farming out convict labor, setting forth the injustice of bringing penal labor in competition with honest industry, suggesting as a remedy colling upon the Legislature to abolish the system or modify the plan of the Clinton Prison, and calling upon the mechanics throughout the State to agitate the reform.

H. J. Messinger has addressed a letter to his creditors, appealing to them to take such course in settling his estate as will allow him to make an effort to redeem his fortune, declaring his designs to begin anew his business career, in the hope of being able in time to pay off all obligations resting over him—an object to which he promises, if permitted, to devote the remainder of his days.

At the late term of Over and Terminer at Canandaigua, no less than eight were sent to Auburn State prison.

RELIGIOUS.

The World's Evangelical Alliance will hold its next session in the city of New York, and Lord Shaftesbury promises to be present.

The First Congregational (Unitarian) church in Boston has just dedicated one of the finest edifices in the country. The pastor, Mr. Rufus Ellis, belongs to the extreme orthodox wing of the Unitarian body.

The Presbyterian Board of Church extension reports that in the last thirteen and a half years it has received a little over \$400,000, and has aided in the erection of 900 churches, capable of holding about 290,000 worshippers. The average cost of the sanctuaries is less than \$3,000.

A society called the "Universalist Women's Association" has been formed in Illinois, and will give its attention to educational and missionary work. It proposes to raise \$50,000 for the erection of a collegiate hall at Galesburg, for the accommodation of lady students, and as a centennial offering of the Universalist women of Illinois to the denomination.

Bishop Manton Eastburn, of Massachusetts, has addressed a pastoral to his clergy and congregations, strongly discountenancing ritualistic practices, as tending to weaken the Protestant character of the Church, and further expressing his personal repugnance to processional hymns, surpliced choirs, intoned prayers, and flowers on the communion table. The flowers would not be suspected of any Romanish affinity in any but the Episcopal Church.

Under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, a movement has been successfully made for the benefit of the freedmen of the South. It commenced with the gift of one thousand dollars, from a gentleman in Rhode Island, to buy a tract of land in Alabama, to be divided into lots of twenty to forty acres and sold to the freedmen on time. Their payments will be invested in a similar way for ten years, when the income of the lands may be used by the Association for missionary purposes. The Association is now about purchasing three thousand acres in Mississippi for this purpose.

RAILROADS.

The building formerly occupied as a depot by the Central railroad at Clifton, was destroyed by fire last week.

The issue of Government Bonds to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, is, by instructions from President Johnson, continued as rapidly as the road is extended over the successive sections.

The lease of the Great Western Railway or any other of the same to the Central Railroad, is contradicted by authority.

The project of building a railroad on the south side of the Mohawk from Rome east, is being revived.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Syracuse and Binghamton railroad, held on the 9th ult., T. B. Fitch was elected, President, J. P. Morgan, Vice President, Orrin Welch, Secretary, and E. B. Wicks, Treasurer.

The Directors' excursion train, the first over the Albany and Susquehanna railroad, arrived at Binghamton at 8 o'clock Thursday afternoon last week, after a run of five hours and 47 minutes from Albany.

Says the Chenango Union: "The engineers on the proposed railroad route reached this village on Saturday evening last, having completed their survey between Cortland and Norwich. They report an easy grade, the heaviest—70 feet to the mile—being met with near the Deer Pond in Pharsalia. It is claimed that by this route the distance between Norwich and Auburn, on the proposed Midland Branch will be eight miles less than by DeRuyter."

The winter weather has not stopped the work upon the Union Pacific Railroad, whose advance during the months will be constant, although, less rapid than in the better working days of summer and fall. So much will be done, however, that the spring of 1869 will see the closing of the intervening distance between the Union Pacific and the Central or California division.

The present management of the Erie, it is said, incurred Vanderbilt's hostility, by persisting in forming Western connections, and hence the fight. Its termination is said to be owing to a movement on the part of the friends of the Erie to enjoin the issue of the Central scrip dividend. In order to prevent this, negotiations were opened, and a settlement will be effected the coming week. The basis of the adjustment is, that all pending suits are to be withdrawn, neither road to interfere with the other, both to strengthen their line of Western communications, and a mutual alliance to be formed.

About the Telegraph.

The banquet given to Mr. S. F. B. Morse at Delmonico's, on the 29th ult., recalls a few incidents connected with the first message that was ever sent over the telegraph wires. Miss Annie Ellsworth, daughter of the then Commissioner of Patents, having at breakfast informed Mr. M. that his telegraph bill had passed Congress—the very last act of the session—he promised her that the first message sent over the wires should be hers. On the completion of the line from Washington to Baltimore in May, 1844, the Professor, mindful of his promise, informed Miss E., and asked for her message. It was this:

"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!"

The original of the message is now in the archives of the Historical Society at Hartford, Connecticut.

Shortly after the completion of the line the National Democratic Convention was in session at Baltimore, and when the question of the nomination of the Vice-President arose, the New York delegation transmitted to Silas Wright, then in the U. S. Senate, a dispatch asking permission to use his name as a candidate. He replied as follows:

"Mr. Wright requests the New York delegation to say that he can not accept the nomination of Vice-President."

In reply to this a second dispatch was sent asking if he was at the office, and to review his decision. To this Mr. W. replied:

"Mr. Wright is here. Will support Mr. Polk cheerfully, but can not accept the nomination of Vice-President."

A third dispatch was sent—urging him to accept. He replied:

"Under no circumstances can Mr. Wright accept the nomination. He thanks the Convention and refers to his two former answers."

A fourth request was made, which elicited the following:

"Mr. Wright has well considered, and begs that his previous answers may be satisfactory."

The originals of these messages, in the hand-writing of Mr. Wright, which were transmitted by Mr. Morse himself, are carefully preserved by him.

At one time the enterprise seemed on the verge of failure, and probably would have failed if it had not been for Amos Kendall, of whom Mr. Morse has said: "If I am blessed with a sufficiency of means to place me above the contingencies of want, I am mainly indebted for it to the strict integrity and admirable business tact of Amos Kendall."

CHINESE ETIQUETTE.—Etiquette requires, in Chinese conversation, that each should compliment the other, and every body belonging to him, in the most laudable style, and deprecate himself with all pertaining to him to the lowest possible point. The following, says the Dacca News, is not an exaggeration: "What is your honorable name?" "My insignificant appellation is Chang." "Where is your magnificent palace?" "My contemptible hut is at Luchan." "How many are your illustrious children?" "My vile, worthless brats are five." "How is the health of your distinguished spouse?" "My mean, good-for-nothing old woman is well."

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