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HOUSE AND FARM.

LOVE.

BY W. W. STORY.

When daffodils began to blow,
And apple-blossoms thick to show
Upon the brown and breaking mould—
'Twas in the Spring—we kissed and sighed,
And loved, and Heaven and earth defied,
We were so young and bold.

The fluttering bob-link dropped his song,
The first young swallow curved along;
The daisy started in sturdy pride.
When loitering on my place the flowers,
But dared not own these thoughts of ours,
Which yet we could not hide.

Tipsy, too beat the blue sky,
And shook the air and dew away,
And whispered it to me with a smile:
"Small that, how full of Spring is it?"
"The sum is full of singing."

As time of dew smelling.

Your hand I took to help you down
The broken wall from stone to stone,
Across the shallow brook—remember?
Ah! what a thrill went from that palm,
That would not let my blood be calm,
And through my pulses shook.

Often our eyes met as we turned,
And back our chaste talk commenced,
And both our hearts grew riotous,
Till, as we sat beneath the grove,
I kissed you—whispering "we love"—
And thinn I did—and thine.

When passion had found utterance
Our frightened hearts to gun to glance
Into the future's every day,
And how shall we our love conceal,
Or dare our passion? Yet he said
"We are too young," they'll say.

Alas! we are not now too young,
Yet love is as hath early clung,
Despite of sorrow, years and care—
But ah! we knew not what we had,
We cannot be so free, so glad,
So foolish as we were.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
December 2, 1872.

The Meeting of Congress.

EDITORS EXAMINER:—Considerable curiosity was manifested to witness the opening of the session, and the galleries were crowded to suffocation, hundreds being turned away. The Radicals in the Senate seemed to be busy with themselves, and shock each other by the hand and offered their congratulations in a manner which plainly indicated a change in their recent victory. The Democratic Senators, used to defeat, showed no signs of elation at conquering the victors. The great Judge Thurman had a pleasant word, a grasp of the hand, and a pinch of snuff for his brother Senators, from Alabama—Conkling—was as studied in his poses as ever; his frilled arms and bowed head while the prayer was being made was admirable staineque. Edmunds was taciturn, and Carpenter chatty. Sumner was received quite coolly; his quondam party friends, Cameron glaided about very quietly, but was not hailed as the Presidential aspirant he fain would be considered. The grim Morton looked as dark, gloomy, and devilish as ever; he, however, stopped to speak with Schurz who sat at his desk absorbed in his correspondence and paper; his face lost its dry greetings and fand-shakings going on. Senator Ross, member of the Liberal Republican, sat apart from the rest and seemed ill at ease. Senator Fenton was blank and impenetrable as ever; from his manner no one would have guessed of his recent political alliance with Greeley. The Vice-President-elect was as smiling as a basket of chips, and in his respect he was in accord with his political friends. Senator Trumbull was not present, nor was the family Ben. Wade represented offered a resolution that all mention of the battles of our civil war be stricken from the Army Register and from our flags. Senator Edmunds succeeded in preventing such a bill laid over. This resolution will raise considerable chirping in Congress before it is "ready bill," who make denunciation of the South a part of their political stock in trade. Sumner also resurrected his Civil Rights bill, and promised never to let it rest until disposed of. There are two more to crack already.

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To-morrow the Radical Senators in caucus will arrange the standing committees of that body; a second landslide of the caucus will approve them when they will be reported in the Senate and adopted. Friends of the Edmunds, Chandler, Conkling ilk, are evidently opposed to any recognition of those Senators as Republicans who opposed Grant and Wilson, and they will not be invited to attend the caucus. From what I can learn, the Liberal Republicans in the Lower House do not desire any party fellowship with the supporters of democratic doctrines. Schurz, Trumbull, and Sumner are considered as Democrats, and will be treated as such. This resolution will raise considerable chirping in Congress before it is "ready bill," who make denunciation of the South a part of their political stock in trade. Sumner also resurrected his Civil Rights bill, and promised never to let it rest until disposed of. There are two more to crack already.

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Senator Sumner

has improved considerably in health, but his physician, Dr. Brown-Sequard, prescribes rest from active exertion. The respect of the District wished to welcome him with a serenade, but he declined it. He talks frequently about his speech which he has plays the part of a clam on political topics. He says, that as in times past he will give his opinions from his seat in the Senate. He, however, will press his Civil Rights bill on every occasion, so as to get a vote upon it, and will also urge the one-term amendment to the Constitution.

The Missouri Senatorship.

Senator Blair has arrived here and is rapidly recovering from the paralytic stroke by he received. He is the acknowledged candidate for United States Senator. The other candidates are Gov. Gratz Brown, Governor-elect Woodson, ex-Congressman Rollins, J. O. Brodhead, Col. Hatch, George G. Vest, and Thomas C. Sharpe. The last gentlemen were in the Confederate service during the war. The fight is a very doubtful one.

T. N. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association of this city, who were expelled from the meetings from the churches by their Sunday evening meetings, have consented, at the request of the regular Association, whose business was being injured, to shut up shop and in future to permit the meetings of the latter to be done through the regular channels. These during gals evidently feel that they believe in preaching the Gospel in the highways and by-ways. The feeling in the community generally is that Mammon and not Christianity the main object of their action, and the Y. M. C. A. have gained no credit for their subservency.

The Return Coal.

The death of Mr. Greeley makes plain a great deflect in the electoral system. There no doubt will receive the attention of Congress this Winter. It has been suggested that make the election of General Grant unanimous, which thought of course cannot be consummated, for although we are Radicals we are not dishonored; and if there is sufficient time, for concerted action the Greeley Electors will be cast out of compliment for some distinguished Conservative.

Civil Service Reform.

The *Republican*, Grant organ here, is making light of the scandalous fight between the President and the politicians, growing out of the desire of the latter to ration the patronage which they have gradually usurped, and who fancy that it of right belongs to them. The reason assigned for complete harmony between President Grant and the politicians is, "that there is truth and honor among the Radicals, and that this—the Civil Service—plank of the Republican platform will be maintained in good faith by Congress." It curses, sneers, and pooh-poohings mean anything, then Grant will not find things easy in his dealings with Congress this Winter, for I know that Civil Service reform was a strong appeal by the Radical friends.

The Gay Season.

The cold weather, the meeting of Congress and the gay season all come together this year. The dancing parlors are ready for skaters, and any number of socialists and soirees are being arranged. This will, in all probability, be the gayest season in years.

HANE-SOL.

Pluck in Girls.

Girls can make their own way in the world if they have energy to plan and courage to execute. The girls in Boston do not know how to use it. Gail Hamilton tells a good story:

I know two girls born to wealth. In their early youth their ways were perilous, free. They walked, and drove, and hunted, and boated, and drank great draughts of happiness and health. Presently their fortune Affairs were involved. The stalwart father became a confirmed and lifelong invalid. Did they go moping all their days, begging mom to give them a little money to buy a little teaching, a little copying? Not they. They began in a small way in a country town to keep a grocery store. They gave fair measure and right change. They kept what people wanted, and if anything was called for which they had not, they put it down on the list of future purchases. They had the cleanest and nicest grocery for miles around. They hired a clerk, and bought a horse, and built a house, and are at this moment independent property holders, as well as agreeable women.

LETTER FROM DIAMONDOM.

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA,
November 25, 1872.

EDS. EXAMINER.—When I left San Francisco, October 25th, I expected to have been able sooner than this to have given you some

Reliable Information

in regard to the location of the diamond fields, from what information I had obtained before leaving the city the parties who had found it, said they had been on the identical diamond grounds discovered and located by J. Blackburn some time since, and Messrs. Jenkins, Harpendling and others, by a partnership, had purchased the claim for a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), and from

My Knowledge of the Country

in which the diamond fields were reported to be. But on my arrival at Prescott, I found quite a different condition of things from what I had expected. Instead of my being able to post parties here as to the location of the diamond fields, or as to who owned it, or had been prospecting for the diamond grounds, I found that I knew as little about the matter, if not less, than almost any man in Prescott; consequently I delayed writing until I could inform myself better and give the public the benefit of what I learned.

When I left San Francisco it was generally believed by

Diamond Sharps

that the location was in the vicinity of Fort Mohave, for the reason that it was but from 75 to 100 miles in a northwesterly direction. This was the general impression, and am not yet fully satisfied but such is the fact, notwithstanding the many reports of country has been gone over by prospectors with unsistinctory success.

The Great Difficulty,

however, is in getting at anything reliable; parties who have been on the diamond grounds, or in search of them, cannot be believed. I speak more particularly of parties of no who have come from San Francisco. I talked with different ones from different parties prior to my leaving the city, and found no two of the same party to agree in their statements. Parties here are all tied. I think it a safe bet that they did.

Foul Air and Heart-Disease.

[Popular Science Monthly.]

To keep the body in perfect health it must be duly ventilated. Plant one tree in a year, and if your lives are spared as long as mine has been since I planted that sycamore, sapling from the stream side to where it now stands in splendid majesty, you will thank me for the shade and refreshment