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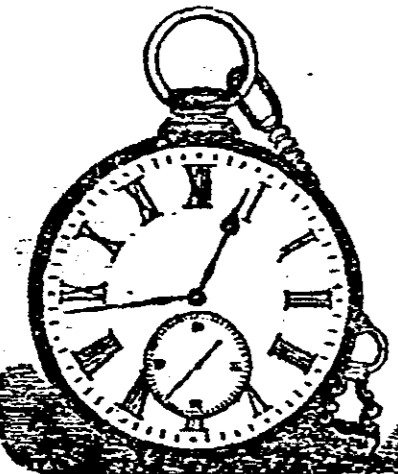
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Selected Poetry.

THE COQUETTE.

It is the law of streams to run, Or autumn leaves to fall, And she who has been false to one— She will be false to all.

Selected Story.

The Wrong Umbrella.

The laxity of public morals in the matter of umbrellas is truly awful, but retribution will sometimes overtake him who plots against his neighbor's parachute. Let me tell how it overtook me.

so justly observe, the chief spouse of mankind. From the earliest times they have been noted for their hostility to human virtue, and—

My suspicions about Johnson were confirmed next day. I met a lively friend, who said: "Oh, you know Johnson?"

the giddy crowd that stood around the liquids, "Mary Jane, may I see you home?"

When I asked if she felt better, Mary Jane went off again; and presently the cough was so bad that she had to leave the room. I remarked to Johnson that she must have caught cold; and then he coughed. No doubt she had been out on the balcony with him to see whether the rain had ceased.

Miscellaneous.

The Whipping Post.

At last the public is awaking to the necessity of the substitution of corporal punishment for imprisonment in the minor felonies recognized by our law.

The reasons underlying this movement, are the alarming increase of crime under the systems of punishment now in vogue; the inadequacy of mere imprisonment as a punishment; the failure of penitentiaries as reformatory institutions; and their enormous costs.

na does not allow corporal punishment, Article XI, section 1, reads: "The following punishments only shall be known to the laws of this State, viz: death, imprisonment, with or without hard labor, fines, removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under this State."

An Extraordinary Case.

The fact that a New York lady, Miss Susan Dickie, has been shut up in a lunatic asylum of that State for six years, and has at last been declared sane by an intelligent jury, on the overwhelming proofs of experts and others who testified that she was of perfectly sound mind and had never given the slightest indication of insanity, suggests a dismal possibility that officials appointed to ascertain the question of insanity are incompetent or dishonest.

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A Scene in Court.

As Justice Flammer was hearing a case in the Tombs police court, New York, one morning recently, an elderly man walked up to the outer railing before the bench, and in a loud tone of voice commenced to speak to him about his wife, who had just been committed for intoxication.

Isn't it a Factory?—They say it is not exactly settled yet, but there is very good reason for stating that before another year rolls around the hum of cotton spindles will be heard in Charlotte.

As my wife and I at the window one day stood watch'd a man with a monkey, A cart came by with "a broth of a boy,"

—At an Indiana wedding lately, the choir sang, "Come, ye disconsolate." The officiating clergyman, feeling awkward about it, attempted to mend matters by giving out a hymn, but unluckily struck into the one beginning, "Mistaken souls, that dream of heaven."

—Oranges are very cheap in this market now, but when you step on the peel of one and sit down suddenly on the gold and unsympathetic side-walk, you wish in your soul they couldn't be bought for less than twenty-seven dollars apiece.

—The sheriff in St. Louis is a humorous party. One of the papers attacked him for the poor quality of jurors he selects, and he immediately summoned the editors of the paper to serve as jurors.

—"I think your church will last a good many years yet," said a waggish deacon to his minister; "I see the sleepers are very sound."

—"Was his life insured?" "Yes." "For whose benefit?" "Why, for the benefit of the insurance company, to be sure."

—The law recently enacted against the carrying of deadly weapons applies to doctors who carry pills.

—They call a certain western Judge "Old Necessity," because he knows no law.





