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THE BELLS OF THE SOUL.

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Within each curtained heart a bell
With golden voice aloft is hung;
'Tis said its tones more richly swell
In hearts that are no longer young.
They gently mark the flight of years
That pass on joyous pinions by;
On youthful hearts and careless ears
Their echoes all unheeded die.

But borne along Time's onward roll,
We catch a muffled minor strain,
Till through the chambers of the soul
More clearly rings the bell refrain.
The bells ring low when lovers part,
And have a hope to meet again;
But when love dies they rend the heart
With throbs of agonizing pain.
O'er ocean depths from distant lands
By gentlest touch these bells are rung,
And yet anon by shadowy hands
Across the grave the cords are swung.
For friends departing bear them bound
To other bells within their hearts;
And so their knells more loudly sound
As one by one our loved depart.

Oh, wondrous power! oh, magic bell!
That vibrates through each human soul;
Its secret workings none may tell—
No hand its mystery unroll.
But in the land of life and light,
Attuned in symphony sublime,
These mystic bells may all unite
In one grand harmony of chime.

JENNIE JONES is a pretty young lady, residing at Highland, Ulster county, New York. She is a dress-maker, and about a year ago, while employed in New York, she befriended an old lady who had lost her pocketbook by loaning her a small amount of money, and also assisted her across the street when the horse car, in which she had met her, came to the place where the old lady wished to alight. Miss Jones gave her name and place of residence to the old lady, at her request, and thought no more of it. A day or so ago Miss Jones received a letter from a lawyer in Buffalo, which stated that by the death of an old lady in that city she was heir to \$50,000. The lady who bequeathed the money was the person whom Miss Jones had assisted a year ago.

A MANUFACTURER of Breslau, Germany, is said to have built a chimney over fifty feet in height entirely of paper. The blocks used in its construction, instead of being of brick or stone, were made of compressed paper, jointed with silicious cement. The chimney is said to be very elastic, and also fire-proof. Picture frames are now made of paper on the Continent. Paper pulp, glue, linseed oil, and carbonate of lime or whiting are mixed together and heated into a thick cream, which on being allowed to cool, is run into moulds and hardened. The frames are then gilt or bronzed in the usual way.

THE bean is supposed to be a native of Persia. It is one of the most ancient articles of human food, and was cultivated in Egypt from the earliest ages. It formed the common dish known among the Hebrews as pottage, for a dish of which Esau bartered away his birthright. The Lima bean is a native of the East Indies; the common pole kidney bean comes from India, and the scarlet flowered varieties are from Mexico, South America and the West Indies.

AN exchange says there is a very simple way of avoiding the disagreeable smoke and gas which always pours into the room when a fire is lit in a stove, heater or fireplace on a damp day. Put in wood and coal as usual; but before lighting them, ignite a handful of paper or shavings placed on top of the coal. This produces a current of hot air in the chimney, which draws up the smoke and gas at once.

Origin of Orange Blossoms.
The custom of brides wearing orange blossoms was derived from the Saracens, among whom the orange blossom is regarded as a symbol of a prosperous marriage, a circumstance which is partly to be accounted for by the fact that in the East the orange tree bears ripe fruit and blossoms at the same time.

THE Bishop of Southwell re-opened on Sept. 25th, the historic church of St. Andrew founded in 1088. The removal of whitewash from the wall at the east end, has laid bare a grand fresco of fifteenth century work, the subject being 'The Last Judgment.'

NEW YORK farmers have discovered that charcoal is better than earth for blanching celery.

A WESTERN grape grower notices that grapes hanging over a pavement, as in an arbor, do not rot, as do those hanging over the soil.

A DOCK laborer of London is said to have raised a date palm from seed, in a dingy tenement house, and by means of it to have secured the first prize at a recent flower show.—Practical Farmer.

SOMEbody claims to have discovered a new use for peaches in the making of peach wine. It is said to be the finest flavored wine ever discovered, and bids fair to become a favorite and profitable beverage.—Practical Farmer.

HICKORY NUT MACCARONI.—Two cups full of hickory nut meats; beat them fine in a mortar and add two cups of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of flour and three eggs. Mix well together and bake on well greased paper. Put only a little of the mixture in each place.

A. W. WARD, Esq., London, Tenn., says Powell's Prepared Chemicals compared most favorably with the high priced fertilizers used in his section during the past season. For descriptive pamphlet address the manufacturers, Brown Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

ENTREE FOR ROAST PORK.—Peel as many potatoes as will cover the bottom of a big pie dish. Sprinkle a half teaspoonful of dried sage over them. Cut an onion in thin slices and spread them over this. Add salt and pepper and lumps of butter. Cover the bottom of the dish with water or milk, and bake in a moderate oven.

BUTTERMILK muffins have but to be tried to become a standing winter dish. Beat hard two eggs into a quart of buttermilk, stir in flour a quart, and lastly, a teaspoonful of salt and the same of soda. Bake in a hot oven in well-greased tins. Muffins of all kinds should only be cut just round the edge, then pulled open with the fingers.

A SOLUTION of oxalic acid has been used for removing ink stains from cotton, linen, or the fingers, but it is attended with the danger of injuring textiles and the skin. A much safer and better treatment of ink or rust stains consists of the application of two parts of powdered cream of tartar and one part of finely powdered oxalic acid. Shake up the ingredients well together and apply the powder with a dry rag to the dampened skin. When the spot has disappeared the part should be well washed.

How to Test Butter.
So much artificial butter is still made in spite of adverse legislation, that house-keepers who find difficulty in detecting the fraud will be glad of a simple qualitative test which they can employ at a moment's notice. It is this: Smear a clean piece of white paper with a little of the suspected butter, roll it up and set it on fire. If the butter is pure the smell of the burning paper will be rather pleasant. But if the article is made up entirely or in part of animal fats the odor will be distinctly tallowy.—Ex.

When fed in limited quantities apples are beneficial to colts and older horses. Sweet apples are much relished by them, and have a fattening tendency. Sour apples are said to be an excellent remedy for worms, and have a beneficial effect in cases of distemper. During the epidemic which prevailed so extensively in the fall of 1872, upon a farm where a number of horses and colts were kept every animal but two was attacked, and those that were exempt ran at will in an old orchard adjoining their pasture, eating all the apples they desired. Whether the apples produced a condition of the system which enabled them to withstand the effects of the distemper, or otherwise, is not known, but it is a fact that while all the other horses on the farm and in the neighborhood suffered, these two were exempt. Four quarts a day to yearlings, and so up to a peck for grown horses, can be fed to advantage, and will probably pay better than hauling to the mill and selling for five to eight cents per bushel. It is safer to put them in a clean, wide box and chop them with a square-bladed barn shovel before feeding, as this prevents danger from choking.—Cultivator.

Humorous.

THE successful poultry raiser may not be able to keep a carriage, but he will have his coop pay.

RAILWAYS are aristocratic. They teach a man to know his own station, and to stop there. They are eminently social, too, being held together by many ties.

THE president of a life insurance company recently received a letter in which the writer said: 'In case of death please explain to me what the aires would get when I die.'—Allentown Register.

'THAT stuff is not fit for a hog to eat,' remarked Smith, as he pushed away a plate of beef stewed at the Jarby boarding house yesterday at dinner. 'All right. You needn't eat it then, sir,' spoke up Mr. Jarby.

AN exchange says: 'A Kentucky man recently wandered into church while service was being held.' It is supposed that some Hallow'e'en jokers had removed a lager beer sign and placed it over the door of church. It is an outrage to fool a Kentucky man that way!

AN exchange says, Once, when old Artley saw the trombone-player in the orchestra idle, he inquired why he did not join the stringed performers; and the tromboist said, 'They have a pizzicato passage.'—'Then why the dickens don't you pizzicato on your trombone?' was the reply.

'I UNDERSTAND that Tossopot has quit drinking; how did it happen?' 'Why, he wandered into a temperance meeting the other evening and he was asked to take the pledge, and did it. Poor fellow! he couldn't refuse, you know. He never had refused when asked to take something and he hadn't courage to break his record.'

A Georgian's Natural Error.
A good one is told upon one of the countrymen who attended the fair. While in the city, having taken in a good supply of the ardent, he thought it his duty to attend the opera. Securing a seat he was intently viewing the stage, when some one at his side, thinking from the squint of his eyes that he was near-sighted, kindly handed him an opera glass. The old fellow was profuse in thanks, and hiding the glasses behind his hat, turned it up to his lips a moment and then handed it back with the remark, that 'the blamed thing is dry.'

Scotch Wit.
The late Rev. Dr. Smart, of Leith was a well-known humorist of the Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery, of which he was a clerk, a student of the name of Salmon applied for permission to take part of his literary course at a German university. A motion was made to the effect that the request be granted, when a Mr. Fish, an elder, moved that it be refused. Before the vote was taken Dr. Smart rose, and, with an arch twinkle in his eye, said: 'Now, brethren, you understand the vote—all who are not for Fish are for Salmon!'

Father and Son.
'Detroit Free Press' tells how father and son compromised their differences on the circus question:—

'No, my son,' he replied, as he put on his hat, 'you can't go to the circus.'—'But why, father?'—'Well, in the first place, I can't fool away my money on such things.'—'Yes; but I have enough of my own.'—'And in the next place, it is a rough crowd, the sentiment is unhealthy, and no respectable person can countenance such things.'—'But, fath—'—'That's enough, sir! You can't go. I want you to enjoy yourself, but you must seek some more respectable amusement.' An hour later a curious thing happened in the circus-tent. A boy climbed to the top flight of seats, and sat down beside a man who had just finished a glass of lemonade, and was lighting a cigar. He had his plug hat on the back of his head, and seemed to be enjoying himself hugely. It was father and son. The father had gone straight to the grounds from dinner, and the boy had run away. They looked at each other for half a minute, and then the boy got in the first blow by whispering, 'Say, dad, if you won't lick me, I won't tell you was here.' The father nodded his head to the agreement, and the great spectacular parade in the ring began.

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