

The Old Couple.
It stands in a sunny meadow,
With its cotter and chimney,
And the gray roof sloping down.

PLEASANT BDFELLOWS.—A dairy of a prisoner of war contains the following suggestive incident: "Becoming drowsy, I borrowed a blanket, went into the depot, and finding a vacant place between two prostrate forms, dropped down to rest, and was soon lost to forgetfulness. I have no knowledge of how long I slept, but getting cold, I partially awoke, and hunching my right hand partner, requested him to roll over and spoon. He made no reply, and giving him a tremendous thump, I again besought him to spoon, but it was no go.— Turning on my other side, I shook my other bedfellow and made the same request. He too paid no heed to my desire. Exasperated at what I considered his unaccommodating spirit, I determined to bring matters to a crisis. Drawing up my left leg, I gave him a most unmerciful kick, but he was as immovable as the rock of ages. I was now thoroughly awake. Jumping up, I turned down the blankets, first on one side and then on the other, and by the dim fire light beheld on either hand a corpse. My nap was finished. In the morning I learned that they were rebel dead brought down from Murfreesboro for burial at Chattanooga."

WHAT IS KEPT IN THE HEART will not spoil friends. NEVER court the favors of the rich by flattering their vanities or their vices. HE WILL MAKE the best use of his wealth who esteems his intellect as the best part of it.

RECKONING AGE.—It has been truly said that "we reckon the progress of our lives by sensations, not years," and an anecdote related by a friend very happily illustrates the truth of the maxim. A young man "down East" was asked his age, to which he answered: "Wal, I don't know exactly, but I have had the seven years itch three times."

JONES, the other day, asked Smith the following question: "We have had the age of gold, the age of iron, and the age of bronze; but what shall we call the present age?" "Why," said Smith, licking the back of a postage stamp preparatory to putting it on a letter: "I think we had better call this a 'muck-ago.'"

AN ANXIOUS mother in Manchester writes to her son in California, thus: "My dear son—come home. A rolling stone gathers no moss. From your affectionate mother." To which Young Hopeful, equally laconic, replied: "My dear mother—come here. A sitting hen never gets fat. Your affectionate son."

A WOMAN said in a police-court the other day, that before marriage her husband pretended to be much struck with her, but now she was every day struck by him.

THE GREATEST miracle ever wrought by love is the reformation of a coquette.

REVENGE may gratify a malignant feeling, but it cannot repair an injury.

ROBBINS says some tailors would make most splendid dragons—they "charge" so.

A RASCALLY old bachelor says the most difficult surgical operation in the world is to take the jaw out of a woman.

BEFORE you form an intimacy with a man learn how he acted with his former friends.

SOME girls once sent a bachelor editor a bouquet of tanzey and wormwood. The wretched individual says he don't care—it's sweeter than matrimony, anyhow. A perfect 'Imp!'

TRUE friendship increases as life's end approaches, just as the shadow lengthens every degree the sun declines toward setting.

THE man who walks "a thousand miles in a thousand hours," is generally more admired than he who walks uprightly through three score years and ten.

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