

2. Inventions

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I never saw a garment too fine for a man or maid; there was a chair to go for a cobbler or cooper, or king, to sit on; never a house too fine to shelter a human head. These elements about us, the gorgeous sky, the imperial sun, are not good for the human race. Elegance is a man. But do we not value these tools housekeeping a little more than they are worth, and sometimes mortgage a home for the mahogany they would bring into it? I had rather eat my dinner off the head of a barrel, or dress after the fashion of John the Baptist in the wilderness, or sit or block all my life, than consume all my pains I got to, a home, and take so many before with the outside that the inside is as hollow as an empty nut. Beauty is great thing, but beauty of garments, bed, and furniture is a very tawdry ornament compared with domestic love. All the elegance in the world will make a home, and I would give more for a spoonful of real hearty love than for whole shipload of furniture, and all the gorgeousness to all the upholsterers in the world, to gather together.—*Theo. Parker.*

Odds and Ends.

The oldest woman's alibi.

☞ A corn extractor that has been patented—the crow.

☞ Artemas Ward said that the man who wrote "I'm sadder when I sing" was a fool to sing much.

☞ A man recently poked his head out from "behind the times," when it was taken off by a passing event.

☞ A Hardsb. Mo., merchant advertises for a burglar. He has broken the of his safe and cannot get at the valuables.

☞ The city bill poster at Lowell still the notice to milkmen the other day on public pumps, certain that they would soon there.

☞ The Kooknik *Gazette* says: "Rose married Miss Violet at Winterport week. That Rose may reasonably expect to be a Poppy—in time."

☞ The South at present has a

other newly established papers, the "Free Runner," the "Headlight," the "American Rescue," and the "Jimplecute."

One of the Paris papers in lack of important news of the kind which it is permitted to publish, gives a list of prominent Frenchmen who are baldhead.

A dealer in second-hand books

Frankfort advertises a complete collection of newspapers published in the United States. \$500 in gold is the price he asks for it.

SEA. A letter from Newport, says: "am living quietly in this pleasant town. It is the finest watering place in the world."

cept the office of the New York Central Railroad Company."

— A Texas paper says that, though "courtin' can still go on, getting married is played out," there being no one in the state there to perform the ceremony.

— An itinerant, preaching on "Depravity of the Age," said that the children who could neither speak walk, were to be seen running about streets cursing and swearing.

567 The *Harvard Advocate* reports following as taken from a gravestone in Maine: "Our little Jacob has been taken from this earthly garden to bloom in superior flower-pot above."

568 A New York paper says that a leading politician in that city had his "epitaph" taken by Mummer, and "being with horns appeared in the background as his protecting spirit."

569 "Good evening, Gen. Grant."

A pleasant office-seeker, the other night the President elect. "I have not been seen, you, General, since the election," "Planty here!" said Grant. "I have been lonesome!"

GR. An old gentleman who rides almost daily to Boston from Lowell on the C. has a card with a slip out from it, just the width of a line in the newspaper, which he uses to read through. Whether it assists the eyes or not, we cannot say.

A palindrome is a line that reads alike backwards and forward. One of the best is Adam's first observation to Eve: "Madam, I'm Adam." Another is the story that Napoleon, when at St. Helena, being asked by an Englishman if he could have sacked London, replied: "Able was I ere I saw Elba." The latter is probably the best.

THE Ten Commandments adopted by the "craft" and expected to be followed

1. Enter softly.
2. Sit down quietly.
3. Subscribe for the paper.
4. Don't touch the poker.
5. Engage in no controversy.
6. Don't smoke.
7. Keep six feet from the table.
8. Don't talk to the printer.
9. Hands off the paper.
10. Eyes off the manuscript.

Gentlemen observing these rules will enter a printing office with greatly abated pride, and will not offend the printers, and need not fear the "devil."

The bill, who sometimes does not

Boys, unless accompanied by their parents, are particularly requested to keep their hands in their pockets.

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