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The Eastern Mail.

NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.

God! the free desert is fair as the sky!
Where the haunts of the elk and the buffalo lie...

No homes mark its border, nor gardens, nor farms,
Sown far on its bosom, mature on the plains...

On the ocean, when the mantle of summer is spread,
The breeze reveals her, and its folds are shed...

The Red man, a shadow, my vision commands;
He is gone, and the desert is lord of his lands...

The Empire of Thought—See its banner unfolding!
The tower is built, and the columns are soaring...

All! liberty, vain is the pure mountain-spring,
The cliff on the sky, where thin Eglems may cling...

Whose hand from the sky hath a shadow extended,
Its pride with its play by no prodigy blended...

The People shall answer, or Earth shall be dumb!
Their soil shall denounce it, or gulf shall be dumb!

The People are they, whom their Sons can't betray,
Till a price in their hand for the treason makes way...

Then speak from your hamlets in forests protected!
Speak out from your closets, not crushed or dejected!

Things are the vain of a pity or woe!
With lightning the wind sweeps with children below...

Miscellany.

THE THREE WIVES.

From time immemorial the great proportion
Of novels, tales and plays consists of a
graphic account of the doubts, dangers, trials,

John Smith—perhaps, to make the tale attractive,
it should have been Adolphus Alphonse
Smythe; but there are advantages in writing

John Smith was in the morning at the washing
saw, and in the evening mending stockings; his
heart was gone protractively, in sacrifice to his

reasonings, although so delightful in theory,
felt a strange sad void in practice, and the lady
who shone with such resplendent grandeur

Placed by circumstances in a position that
required but little of the exercise of that peculiar
talent, she was ill at ease in any place;

Too late did Mr. Smith learn the sad lesson
that domestic accomplishments are not the only
ones requisite in a life companion.

Preliminaries were soon settled, and they
were married. Mr. Charles Smith installed
the lady of his adoration in her appropriate

When Mr. Charles Smith returned from his
office, oppressed with cares, with a weary heart
and an aching head, there was no grateful welcome,

Mrs. Charles Smith was an indefatigable
performer upon the pianoforte, harp and guitar.
The din of operas, sonatas, and polkas,

In the household matters of the elegant Mrs.
Smith, disorder, extravagance, and confusion
reigned supreme. Should she stoop from her

John Smith went out into the world. At one
time he came very near being ensnared by the
bright eyes and rosy lips of a lady he met at

Things sometimes happen at very different
times, and in very different places, from the
arrangements we had made in our own minds,

Fortune favored Mr. Smith that day; for
soon after, hearing the gentleman express a wish
for a book that he had seen noticed, he was

She could never be like my pastry-cook
sister Dorothy; neither is there any danger of
her being cold and unsympathizing, when she

What the temptation was, or whether these
facts were ascertained, remained a mystery;
but before the boat had deposited its precious

'What does this mean?' said the horror-stricken
man; 'surely, you do not play?' Mary
repressed a smile as she said, 'You know

'I would willingly suffer a few poor dinners,
for the words of tenderness and soul-speaking
glances that have never yet fallen reproachfully

A polite, but unmeaning solicitation was
extended to the new bride, to give the company
some simple air upon the piano; but, instead

'I would give twenty guineas,' said the gentleman,
'if I had his works here. There is a
passage relating to this very point, which would

'Allow me to repeat it for you,' said Mrs.
Charles Smith; 'I have been lately reading the
book to my brother, and have the sentence still

Her husband listened with admiration and
surprise; whatever gifts she might develop, he
had never dreamed of her reading German.

Weeks rolled on. New discoveries are yet
in store for thee, Frank! Can it be that the
gentle one at thy side will lose thy affection,

'The night before, Bridget, her chief dependence
in the cooking establishment, had been taken
suddenly ill; and, as misfortunes never

the while, of her husband's horror of 'domestic
women.'

When the happy pair were seated at table,
Mr. Smith could not help commending the animated
look and 'healthful glow' which the

'Such delicious coffee as Bridget makes! I
must surely raise her wages,' ejaculated Mr.
Smith, while the color heightened in the cheeks

'I am glad you are so well satisfied with
Bridget's cooking.'

The breakfast having been finished, Frank
began his steps to his office, and his lady tried
to devise the best means for meeting the emergencies

The next morning was an eventful one in
Frank Smith's calendar. He went to his business
as usual, but some little act of forgetfulness

'The home of Frank Smith is a pleasant one,
and it is not strange that his two brothers
should find something so attractive in the cheerful

Intellect, refinement, and true affection here
combine to give joy and delight, and while
Frank sits and gazes with perfect satisfaction

A COW STORY.

BY PROF. J. ALLEN, D. D.

'Mother,' said Augustus, 'you must not
blame me for not getting back sooner—I have
seen such fun—I could not possibly help stopping;

'I mean that I wanted to stop very much.'
'You should have said so, then. You ought
not to say what is not true.'

'I know you had no intention of deceiving me;
but to avoid intending to deceive is not all
we have to do. We must choose the words

'Well, you see, mother, this morning Jim
Harriady and Abner Lee happened to meet in
the road just before Miss Chadwick's house.

'What became of the cow? Did the boys
come away and leave her in the field?'
'Yes, ma'am; and I guess she didn't get her
very soon, for the bars were wedged pretty

'Was it right for them to turn the cow into
the field?'
'She need not have been so cross to them,

'That is not answering my question.'
'I didn't think it was very wrong.'
'Did you assist them in any way?'

'I ask you again, was it right for them to
turn the cow into the field, and wedge up the
bars?'
'No, ma'am; but she provoked them to do it.'

'I do not dispute that; but did her want of
politeness justify their doing wrong?'
'No, ma'am.'

'By your laughing and enjoying it, you
countenanced their conduct; was that right?'
'I didn't think I was doing wrong.'

'Very likely; but doing a thing that is wrong
without thinking, does not make that thing
right. We are under obligation to think

The Will of Washington.

The following is an extract from the last
will and testament of George Washington:
'Item—At the decease of my wife, it is my
will and desire that all the slaves I hold in my

'The negroes thus bound, are (by their
masters or mistresses) to be taught to read
and write, and to be brought up to some

'I make a singularly impressive comment
upon this correspondence between Washington
and Lafayette, on the subject of American

'I never mean, unless some particular
circumstances compel me to it, to possess
another slave by purchase, it being among my
first wishes to see some plan adopted by which

Gen. Houston is about to resign his seat in
the Senate of the United States. A recent
letter to one of the N. York papers, from

'He now lives at the town of Independence
twelve miles from the Rio Brazos, on a little
farm, in a log cabin with but four rooms, plainly

'Which would make forty such States as
Rhode Island, and Minn. sixty. Missouri is
larger than all New England. Ohio exceeds
either Ireland, Scotland or Portugal, and

had had a shoe on its feet during the last winter,
and they are as hearty as Camanches.—
Mrs. H. manages the farm and instructs the
children. Though having had no particular

COST OF THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.—
Some of our Southern exchanges complain of
the expense of recapturing fugitive slaves,

We presume this calculation is correct. But
we do not see how the Slaveholding States can
with any show of justice, complain of this
state of things. The existing law is one of

WHAT WE OWE TO DECORUM.—'I will
do as I please,' says many a head-strong young
man, 'for whose business is it if I choose to

A RAMBLE IN JAPAN.—A writer from the
American Japan Squadron states that the
captain of the expedition, Rev. Mr. Bittinger, took
occasion during the progress of the late treaty

APPEARANCE OF THE EARTH FROM A
BALLOON. Mr. Elliott, the aeronaut, in a letter
giving an account of his last ascension from
Baltimore, says of the appearance of the earth

'I don't know that I ever hinted heretofore
that the aeronaut may well be the most sceptical
man about the rotundity of the earth.

THE BEARSKIN OF THE BOAPOPUS.—
The British troops are creating a decided
impression among the Mussulman infidels of Turkey.
A letter from Constantinople states that on

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larger than all New England. Ohio exceeds
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