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## Selected Miscellany.

BEN SAD'S QUEST.

(From Steamer).

From youth to age, in search of Happiness,  
In the King's house dwelt pride and show, and  
Fear.

And, poor man! how great distress,  
And, turning from the bough and the thorn,  
He bore should be wonder'd.

The secret Godless find: The bitter pain  
Of dis-appointment round Ben Sad's mind.

Filled him with a curse, and he said:  
And, whether in what he could not find.

It chanced, one day, he wandered through a  
Dark and desolating like his own life—wool.  
When suddenly, between the tangled boughs  
He saw a noisy temple, and said:

"Wealth and children went to pay their  
rent."

Then, weeping, in many a sobful fold, he  
Crossed its eulogy, and its silent door.

Through which the winds had passed, he  
Cried, "I have lost my home!"

Ben Sad had lost his lamp, his shadow, too;  
And, fearing wizard-woe, he flung away;

Screaming half-open'd, at the farther side.

And, just above the door those words were written:  
"Here comes Ben Sad, here comes Ben Sad."

With joy he went, scarce believing it.

"O blessed boy!" he cried, "that ends my  
pain!"

Ye weary, wandering years, not spent in vain!  
He passed the door, it opened at all case,  
And, passing, and seeing of joyousness.

He was—

The temple will be secret keeps.

And there, in perfect peace, Ben Sad sleeps.

—H. S. Cowell, in Harper's Magazine for August.

## A FRIEND IN NEED.

BY ALBERT F. WEBSTER.

The following story was told me by a woman well known in the city of B— as a dealer in diamonds and as a money-lender. She is gifted with great perceptive faculties, and she has gained by her long experience in a nice and perilous business a deep insight into human nature and also a gracious tact that enables her to accomplish her will in spite of all ordinary obstacles.

I was sitting behind my counter in my shop at four o'clock on a very dark and stormy day of January last, when a boy entered and handed me a note. He did not call upon either me or my brother who stood near by, but he ran off at once.

The note was very prettily written upon a fashionable note-paper. It read thus:

"Mr. Webster, kindly oblige me to return the diamond cross which I purchased from you, and which I have sold to a friend, and which I have now sold again to a man named Allan, who is a jeweler in this city."

There was a certain directness and coherence about the letter, said Webster, that at once put me on my guard.

It seemed to me to be the work either of a designing man or of an accidentally clear-minded woman, and, as the latter is some what rare, to judge at least from the notes ladies usually write, I felt that to be particularly careful; in this case was my best method.

I confess that at first I was not inclined to send to the letter at all, but my desire to do a great service to a friend, if possible, together with some curiosity, perhaps, made me yield eventually and I accordingly wired for the signature.

I called in a boy to remain in the shop with my brother, who took my place behind the counter. I then left the place and proceeded at once to the spot indicated in the note, accompanied by the policeman whom I employ regularly as my body-guard. I found the couple. The horse was large and beautifully harnessed, and the costumers were well trained.

I asked him where he was instructed to drive me to. He replied:

"To the rear of No. — Longworth street, if you please."

"By which way do you intend to go?"

He gave me the most direct route. I asked him to take another. He assented. I did this in order to see if his conduct had been arranged for him, which would have been the case had there been anything wicked in the matter. I felt reassured.

Longworth street is in the best and richest part of the city, and, though its neighborhood is secluded and quiet, it is well protected and well lighted.

We performed the journey in fifteen minutes.

We drew up in an alley-way which led in the rear of the dwellings and descended amid the snow and hail and saw before me a high brick-wall, which ran on either hand as far as the eye could reach. I had no sooner stepped upon the walk than a small door in front of me opened, and a young maid, with a cloak over her head and shoulders, looked out and bade me enter.

I did so, and crossed a wide flagged

area, and entered a room, the door of which was of a handsome and lofty house.

The entries were almost dark, and all the doors were closed; and, I thought, purposefully.

The girl led me up, the servants' stairs to the first floor, and then up another flight to the second floor.

Here we stepped out of the staircase into the hallway.

It was among the most beautiful that I had ever seen. The carpets were rich and very thick; the walls were wall-scotted and hung about with Spanish leather. The air was warm and perfumed, and a soft light was shed downward from a huge Chinese lantern, whose parti-colored, and jangling pendants swung to and fro, throwing moving shadows over the walls.

"Come this way," said the maid, and she led me with some haste into a passage which led to the left, and up upon which there opened two tall, dark doors.

At one of these she knocked softly, and then entered, directing me by a nod to follow her.

I found myself in a well-lighted and luxurious apartment, and surrounded by articles and furniture of great beauty and elegance.

Standing beside a small and delicate table was a young lady.

She was tall and slender, and her carriage was striking for its graceful ease.

Her face was regular, and it was extremely handsome. She at once ap-

pealed to me with great haste, and, seizing my hand, she cried:

"Oh, madam, how glad I am that you have come! I was afraid that you would be offended because I was so perfectly dressed, but I did not mean it—indeed, I am so

that I have not the courage to do

so."

She fixed her eyes upon mine, and I saw that they were red with weeping.

"I am in great trouble," she pursued, "and only you can assist me. I must sell you something. I must persuade you to take some of my dresses and jewels. Look! See them! I have made quite a collection for you, to choose from."

She turned her head and gazed in an indescribable way upon a heap of rich garments which lay upon the floor.

"I felt a singular compassion for my customer, and I indulged myself in some little speculation upon the probable causes of her misfortune."

"Perhaps I displayed this interest in my face in some way." At any rate she suddenly altered her manner toward me and treated me as a confidant.

"I have a brother," she whispered, "who has done wrong. He likes pleasure, but yet he loves his wife. He is the under-treasurer of the Trust and Deposit Company of B—. You know of it, for I learned that you have a safe in their vaults. Well, the President came here yesterday, and I saw him. He told me that it had been discovered that Allan had converted \$10,000 to his own use, and that as a regular examination of the books, and funds of the institution was to be made tomorrow afternoon, it would be necessary that the master be returned at once if the disgrace which would accompany exposure was to be avoided. He said that he had known my father from childhood, and that he felt it incumbent upon him to save him from such a flood of责备 as would pour upon him should the disclosure be made. He had white hair, and he wept, and he looked at me when he went away."

"What duty is it to know everything?"

The act was very unbusiness-like and I never did a similar one. I was compensated for the departure from my rectitude, however, by watching the divine expression of gratitude which transformed the young girl's face as she received the jewel.

"She sent it to the jeweler with a kind message."

I prepared to go away. With a delicate hand she held me back, and said:

"She has been worn the cross before."

"Without the slightest hesitation I drew it from my bosom, whether I had placed it for safe-keeping, and put it into her hands."

"You can bring it to me early in the morning. That will do equally as well."

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SATURDAY, AUG. 29, 1874.

THE MONTH OF AUGUST-1874.

The summer is over and gone although her steps still linger as if loath to yield her place to autumn, she would conceal the altars of Poinsettia with the gifts of Flora.

The month of August is a memorable month in the year '74. On the 12th of this month occurred the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Venus. They were visible at 7.30 P.M. about 35° above the horizon, so near together as to be covered by the field of an ordinary opera glass, and set brilliantly at 8.30. This phenomenon occurs but once in nearly a century. During this month the scientific expeditions from various countries have taken their departure for South America, Australia, and the various points in the southern hemisphere from whence the best observations may be made of the transit of Venus across the disc of the Sun. The last occurrence of this phenomenon took place in 1769. The event is of great interest to the scientific world; for, by the distance of the earth from the Sun is most accurately determined. It is thought from other calculations that the accepted distance of our planet from the sun is too great by about two millions of miles, and it is hoped that the present observation will correct the error, if error it be. The transit takes place on the 8th of Dec.

During this month the telegraph and press have been in extraordinary activity to scatter abroad the greatest scandal which ever convulsed society.

If the good words of the parties to this shocking quarrel had been as in-

divisibly circulated and eagerly dis-

cussed by press and public as have been all the details supposed and real,

which go to make up the sum of this story, they would have regenerated american society. If the interests of

morality are considered, the triumph

of either party is a defeat, and the ex-

hibition as professed curiosity, intoler-

ant bigotry, incapacity to weigh evi-

dence, and flippant criticism of men

and motives induces us to try out

with the post,

"Play it as we will."

We men are a little tired.

In Acquiescing Editor.

A local editor in Peoria, Illinois, intro-

duced himself to the public a few days ago

as follows: "Sensational, distressing de-

tails of revolting murders and shocking

anecdotes respectively collected, Bob-class

presentations and ministerial donations

will be 'done' with propinquity and dis-

pate. Kenontons and their operations

made a specialty. Accurate reports of

Sunday-school anniversaries guaranteed.

The local will cheerfully walk seventeen miles

after Sunday-School to see, and report a

prize-fight. Farmers and all other melan-

choly occasions written up in a manner to

challenge admiration. Horse-race reports

in the highest style of the reportorial art.

Domestic trials and conjugal infidelities

sought for with avidity. Police

Court proceedings and sentences reported in

a manner well calculated to astonish the reader - magistrate and preacher, Lawyer, playing skeletons with good adventures,

then struck with mortal illness, will be

secretly interviewed, when lying at

death's door, with a view to obtaining obit-

uary items and the greatest pleasure will be

taken in exposing your private affairs to the

critical gaze of an interesting party."

Small Stock of Samples.

A member of the Saginaw county board was recently in one of our thriving interior towns on professional business. In the office of the hotel he was accosted by a very agreeable gentleman, evidently of the gentry class, who said, "I am here to see you, Mr. Beecher; is it true that he was the first man to offer a chmono to subscribers?"

If anything will impress the human mind with ease, it is the expression of the man's face who has just been arrested from serving in church.

Somebody has noticed the nineteen or every twenty newspaper now have straight noses.

"I wouldn't have left, but the people kind of egged me on," said a man who was asked why he quit his Kansas home in a hurry.

A stout old woman in Detroit got mad merely because a photographer wouldn't let her herself while she had her picture taken.

Nisellaneous Items

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STATE NEWS.

FARMING AND FRUIT INTERESTS.

The farmers of St. Joseph County are, on a strife as to who has the tallest corn. A stalk from a field planted by Wm. Fieldhouse of White Pigeon measured 13 feet 9 inches.

There has been no raid at Paw Paw, Van Buren County, since June 26 and shade and other trees are dying. The woods are on fire in every direction.

Cicero Gooding recently drew into Battle Creek load of wheat containing 113 bushels, and weighing nearly 7,000 lbs.

Henry Herbert of the township of Martin, Allegan County, obtained from a field of six acres 50 bushels of wheat per acre.

The annual fair of the Jennewa Agricultural Society will be held at Adrian, September 30 and October 1 and 2.

D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit recently harvested 800 bushels of turnip seed on their farm in Wayne County.

The Clinton County fair will be held at St. Johns, October 6, 7, 8, and 9.

MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

The Pioneers of Kalamazoo County will hold a reunion at Galesburg September 1. Remaining sources will be related by Judge Wells, Dwight May, Henry Bishop, Hon. Charles E. Stewart, and others.

The reunion of the Ninth Michigan Infantry, which was to have taken place at East Saginaw Aug. 27, has been postponed until Sept. 1.

It is expected that the cornerstone of the new custom-house building at Port Huron will be laid some time next month.

The cornerstone of the new Old Fellow's building at Detroit was laid yesterday.

PERSONAL.

The wife of Prof. Charles Scott of Hope College, at Holland, recently mistook a bottle of strichine for one of citrate of potash, and took a dose of it. She immediately swallowed a glass of milk and some mustard. By the prompt arrival of physicians and the use of powerful emetics her life was saved.

The funeral procession of George H. Hudson, late city editor of the Saginaw Courier, who committed suicide, was one of the longest ever seen in that city, there being over 50 carriages in the procession.

As the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan is soon to be divided, Bishop McVey is making a farewell visit to the Lake Superior portion of the State.

Judge Cooley and wife of Ann Arbor have gone to Connecticut for rest and recreation.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

A conductor on the D. I. & L. M. Railroad, named Geo. Smith, who had been discharged on suspicion, was arrested in Buffalo Aug. 10 by a Detroit officer. Smith's trunk had been examined in Detroit and over 50 railroad tickets found, part of them punched, but the larger number of them good for future use. It is thought he carried on quite a traffic in these tickets. He is held for trial.

The Allegan Journal says that a farmer living in the vicinity of that village, during the present season marketed a large quantity of wool, selling it to Mr. Colenian. Subsequently it was discovered that he had placed a lot of unwashed tags in the wool, - in all 25 pounds. It cost him \$18.75. The amount paid for the tags was \$18.75.

Charges have been preferred against Wm. Dyson, Superintendent of the Poor of Wayne County, and the Prosecuting Attorney has been instructed to make an investigation. The principal charge is that he has received pay to the amount of several hundred dollars for services which were not requisite to be performed.

One of the boilers in the saw mill of Rice, Sutliff & Co. at Ithaca exploded August 11, and was carried 25 rods. All the hands were employed in the mill at the time, but none were seriously injured.

A severe hail storm passed over the Grand Traverse region August 12 doing considerable damage to the growing crops.

A destructive fire occurred at Banks Bay, Bay County, August 17, destroying Taylor & Moyley's salt block and lumber dock, and seven dwellings. Loss \$54,000; insurance \$8,000.

Jerome Coleman, the attorney who testified in the Matteson case that took the acknowledgement of the forged mortgage, has been arraigned for perjury.

Michael Healy's residence at Alpena was struck by lightning August 9 and burned. Loss \$1,500.

At Grand Rapids, on Tuesday, Henry Wise, who pleaded guilty to a charge of acting as a justice of the peace in a mock marriage, was sentenced to sixty days in the House of Correction - pretty light punishment for his offence, we should think.

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### NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

A person who takes a paper regularly from the post-office—whether directed to himself or not—is responsible for the cost.

If a person orders a paper discontinued, he must give notice to the postmaster, giving the name and address of the person to whom the paper is to be sent.

The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper from a person who has paid his bill is prima facie evidence of fraud.

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#### TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

TRAINS LEAVE NORTHLVILLE  
FLINT & PERR MARQUETTE R. R.  
DETROIT TIME.

DETROIT	10:50 A.M.	NORTHVILLE	11:45 A.M.
DETROIT	11:55 P.M.	CALIFORNIA	12:25 P.M.
DETROIT	12:35 P.M.	DETROIT	12:55 P.M.

TRAINS LEAVE LILY MOUTH,  
DET. LANSING & LAKE MICH. R. R.  
DETROIT TIME.

DETROIT	10:50 A.M.	LILY MOUTH	11:45 A.M.
DETROIT	11:55 P.M.	CALIFORNIA	12:25 P.M.
DETROIT	12:35 P.M.	DETROIT	12:55 P.M.

LEAVE WAYNE ON MICH. CENT.  
DETROIT TIME.

DETROIT	10:50 A.M.	DETROIT	11:45 A.M.
DETROIT	11:55 P.M.	DETROIT	12:25 P.M.
DETROIT	12:35 P.M.	DETROIT	12:55 P.M.

#### To Correspondents.

This is the first of a series of articles, "Correspondents and their Correspondents," which we hope will interest our readers. We will publish them every week, and hope to receive many more. Address your letters to the editor, "Northville Record," and we will be sure to publish them.

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