

Desultory.

"DRESSING FOR CHURCH."

Has anybody heard the bell?
You have? dear me, I know full well
I'll never dress in time.

For mercy sake, come help me Jane!
I'll make my toilet up quite plain,
(This for the sake of rhyme.)

Here, Jane, this collar for me—do;
"A hole," you say! please take the shoe!
Please, Jane, try and hide it.
I know its Sunday—how my soul,
I cannot wear it with a hole!
The men will surely say it.

They're always peeping at our feet,
(Though to be sure they needn't peep,
The way we hold our dresses.)
I'll disappoint them though to-day,
"And cross myself," pray did you say?
Don't laugh at my distresses.

How beautifully this silk will rustle!
(Please hand my self-adjusting bustle,
My corset and my hoop.)
There, now, I'll take five skirts or six;
Do hurry, Jane, and help me fix—
You know I cannot stop!

"How shall I say my prayers to-day?"
As if girls went to church to pray?
How can you be so foolish?
Here, damp this ribbon in my collar;
"What for?" to paint, you silly one—
Now, Jane, don't be foolish!

It's no more harm than "Lilly White"
(Please, see if this cheek's painted right,
And hand my box of chalk.)
Now damp this towel, Jane, dear,
And wipe the eyebrows—how I fear
I shall be late to walk.

Now then my bonnet, if you please—
The thing's so big as all outdoors,
The frightful sugar shoe!
Thank heaven, my mantle's handsome though!
It cost enough to be, I know,
(Straighten this horrid hoop.)

My handkerchief and gloves will find
Just the time to do them very kind.
(Does my dress trail?)
It's all the fashion now, you know,
(Pray, do the point and powder show)
Through this lace veil?

Thank you, my dear! I believe I'm dressed
The saints be praised! the day of rest
Comes only once a week.
For on all the other six
This trouble I should have to fix,
I'd never get to Heaven.

GREAT STORM AT NEW ORLEANS—NEARLY 100 LIVES LOST.

The particulars of a great storm at and near New Orleans are given in the papers of that city of the 14th inst.

The storm was on the 11th of Aug. Houses were blown down, and the hurricane damaged property to the extent of thousands of dollars.

At Proctorville, where the gale commenced on the 11th and continued for two days, the whole place was swept away, and between 30 and 40 souls perished in the waters of the Gulf.

Not a tree or house of Proctorville was left standing, and some two score men, women and children were drowned. The water, it is said, rose 12 feet, and the village, madmen and women, and children, were blown down, and the houses and human beings before it and into its depths as though the firmly riveted wood and the strong masonry were so much reed.

Amongst those lost, we learn, are Mr. and Mrs. Wells, their cousin, and their servant. The family were from New York. Mr. Wells was an invalid. He begged his family to go and leave him off and let themselves, as he would soon die anyhow. His words were true, but his family shared the same fate. A Mr. Fagot and his wife and three children perished. A Mr. Limerick and three children are said to have been drowned, and a Mr. Nicholson and three children were reported as drowned.

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At Palmetto, where estates were devastated, the water rose to a depth of four feet on the public refuge, and it rose in some places to nine feet, and 30 persons lost their lives. Many of them had taken refuge in trees, and were blown down by the force of the wind or they were blown down with the trees. At one plantation, there were five or six negroes lost. There were many other sufferers by the storm. The water continued to rise for 24 hours, when it subsided, leaving death and destruction in its path. The orange and rice crop all along the lower coast is entirely destroyed.

The "Father of Waters" was never more angry or turbulent. He writhed and chafed like a gigantic mummy serpent in the pangs of cholera. On the river and the levee the gale had a gay sweep. Ships and steamers butted the wharves right cordially.

The river rose three feet.

The town of Milburg was thoroughly inundated. Women and children, in the evening, when the gale was at the height, had to be rescued from their homes in skirts.

The river disasters were numerous, but not attended with loss of life. Several vessels were foundered. The storm occurred on the fourth anniversary of a similar event, by which numerous lives were lost.

AN INDIAN WOMAN AT THE COURT OF QUEEN VICTORIA.—It is a singular fact that while the Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the British throne, is making a tour of the Canadian provinces, and is visiting the national pride of that important British colony, and confirming its loyalty to the fatherland, an obscure Indian woman, wife of an English settler in the same Canadian province, is a petitioner before her august mother in behalf of her oppressed race, who are subject to grievous wrongs under British laws. This woman is Nalabehwahque, or Catharine Sutton, a full blooded Indian of the Huron tribe, who inhabits the shores of Lake Huron, in Upper Canada. About a year ago she was elected by a general Indian council of chiefs and people as their special envoy, to make known to the British government the wrong to which the native races are subjected by the regulations relative to the tenure and sale of Indian lands, and by which she and her husband have specially suffered. In the furtherance of this object she was recently honored with an interview with Her Majesty the Queen, on the presentation of the Duke of Newcastle, the Colonial Secretary. From her statement it seems that the lands occupied by the natives within the colonial frontier are held by tribal tenure alone, individuals possessing no specific rights, and the chiefs may sell or make over the lands of the tribes without remuneration or redress for the members thereof. Neither can the latter become purchasers of their homesteads under government laws, which have the means, for the law holds all unfenced Indians, as such to be minors, incapable of entering into any valid contracts, and the legal provisions for enfranchisement are little known and scarcely ever acted upon. Consequently the Indians, after clearing lands and erecting buildings at considerable labor and expense, are often deprived of their lands, and are left with only a few corrupt chiefs, who bargain away the lands of their countrymen without protecting their interests. This is a hardship which they naturally wish to be relieved from, and as the prayer of Nalabehwahque is founded on the clearest principles of justice and humanity, it is little doubt that the wrongs of her race in this respect will be righted by the English government. Her reception at London is highly favorable to such a result.—N. Y. Paper.

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though the conduct of the latter has been such as to call forth the indignation of the whole civilized world. The Armenians were the sole cause of the massacre, and so it has been on all similar occasions heretofore. Our comfort and our hope are that the Lord Almighty reigns. He will put all our enemies under his feet."

THE NEWSPAPER WINDOW AT THE LONDON POST OFFICE.—It was a quarter before six o'clock when I crossed the Hall—six being the last hour at which they can be posted without fee. It was just then drizzling newspapers. The great windows of the department being thrown open, the first bluffs of a thunder-cloud of newspapers impending over the Post-office was discharging itself fully—now in large drops, now in little, now in sudden plumps, now stopping altogether. By degrees it began to rain hard; by fast degrees the storm came on harder and harder, until it blew, rained, hailed, and snowed newspapers. A fountain of newspapers played in at the window.

Waterpots of newspapers broke from enormous sacks, and enshrouded the men inside. A prodigious nine of newspapers at the Newspaper River Head, seemed to be turned on, threatening destruction to the miserable Post-office which was so full already. The window flamed at the mouth. Newspapers the bystanders. All the boys in London seemed to have gone mad, and to be besieging the Post Office with newspapers. Now and then there was a girl; now and then a woman; now and then a weak old man; but as the minute hand of the clock crept near to six, such a torrent of newspapers came tumbling in together, pell-mell, head over heels, one above another, that the giddy head looking on chiefly wondered why the boys, springing over one another's heads, and throwing the garter into the Post Office with the enthusiasm of the corps of acrobats at M. Franco's, didn't post themselves nightly, along with the newspapers, and get delivered all over the world.

Suddenly it struck six. Shut sesmo! Porferty still weather. Nobody there. No token of the storm. Not a soul—too late.

But what a chaos within! Men up to their knees in newspapers on great platforms; men gardening among newspapers with rakes; men digging and sowing among newspapers as if a new description of rock had been blasted into those fragments; men going up and down a gigantic trap—an ascending and descending room worked with a steam engine—still taking with them nothing but newspapers. All the history of the time, all the chronicled births, deaths, and marriages, all the crimes, all the accidents, all the realities of the civilized earth heaped up, percolated out, carried about, out, shuffled, dealt, played, gathered up again, and passed from hand to hand, in apparently interminable and hopeless confusion, but really in a system of admirable order, certainty, and simplicity, pursued six nights every week, all through the rolling year.

—Household Words.

A DIFFICULT QUESTION ANSWERED.—Can any one tell why, when Eve was manufactured from one of Adam's ribs, a hired girl was not made at the same time to wait on her? We can, say! Because Adam never came whining to Eve with a ragged collar, and a collar string to be sewed on, or a glove to mend, "right away, quick, now!" Because he never read the newspaper until the sun got down behind the palm trees, and then stretching himself, yawned out "Ain't supper ready, my dear?" Not he! He made the fire, and hung the tea-kettle over it himself, and went and polished the mahogany, peeled the bananas, and did everything else he ought to, "right away, quick, now!" Because he never read the newspaper until the sun got down behind the palm trees, and then stretching himself, yawned out "Ain't supper ready, my dear?" Not he! He made the fire, and hung the tea-kettle over it himself, and went and polished the mahogany, peeled the bananas, and did everything else he ought to, "right away, quick, now!" 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