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## NOTICE!

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## Poetry.

For the Jeffersonian.

On the Death of Mrs. Charles S. Smith

[Inscribed to the mourning Husband.]

"Gone—but not lost—"

Safe on the bright and "shining shore"

Crown'd with those nam'd "forevermore,"

"The Heavenly Host."

Absent—but still

Present in works of faith and love;

And precious memories which prove,

A Christ-like will.

No sorrow now—

No care in that pure jolly sky—

Nor sounds of grief come floating by,

From words below.

No mortal breath—

No more of life, in dying form—

But life immortal, fresh and warm,

Resteas'd from death.

This dying sphere

Hath faded swiftly out of view,

And in its place a Heaven new,

And Earth appear.

The Peary gods

The golden streets—the Jasper walls—

The shining courts—the emerald halls—

The harp that waits—

Are here's—the same

Where thousands, tens of thousands tread;

Chanting the praise of their God,

And of the Lamb.

Worthy!—they cry—

The Lamb who lov'd and set us free,

And washed us in his blood; to be

Exalted high—

Worthy!—again—

To Him that sitteth on the throne

Eternally—the holy one!

Amen! Amen!

J. W. NICHOLES.

## Peace.

Oh that the bells in all these silent spires

Would clash their clangor on the sleeping air,

Ring their wild music out with throbbing choirs,

Ring peace in every where!

Oh that this war of sorrow aching ears

The red-drawl would wash away its stain—

Down on the angry fire from shore to shore,

And give it peace again!

On last year's blossoming graves, with summer calm,

And in his happy laugh hums the bee;

Nature forgets her hurt, and finds her calm—

Alas! and why not we?

Spirit of God! that movest upon the face

Of the waters, and bidst the ancient deeps obey!

Bliss, oh bliss again! on this tumultuous space,

Thou that art Prince of Peace.

—Harper's Weekly.

## From the Hartford Post.

### ARTEMUS WARD IN BOSTON.

#### HE WRITES HOME TO HIS WIFE.

DEAR BETSY: I wrote you, this from Boston, "the Modern Athens," as it is denominated, altho' I skurriedly know what that is. I'll give you a kuroso view of this city.

I'll classify the paragraphs under several headings, under the title of those Emblems of Truth and Poverty, the Washington correspondents:

#### COPPS' HILL.

The wonder of my room commands an exhilarating view of Copp's Hill, where Cotton Mather, the father of the Reformers and such lies buried. There is men even now who worship Cotton, and there is wimin who were him next their hearts. But I do not weep for him. He's bin dead too long. I ain't goin' to be absurd, like old Mr. Skillins, in our neighborhood, who is ninety-six years of age, and gets drunk every 'lection day, and weeps bitterly because he haint got no Parents. He's a nice Orphan, he is.

#### BUNKER HILL.

Bunker Hill is over yonder in Charleston. In 1774 a thrillin' dramy was acted out over there, in which the "Warren Comblination" played star parts.

#### MR. FANUEL.

Old Mr. Fanuel is dead, but his Hall is still in full blast. This is the Cradle in which the Goddess of Liberty was reeked, my Dear. The Goddess hasn't bin very well durin' the past few years, and the numris quack doctors she called in didn't help her any; but the old gals' physicians now are men who understand their business, Major-general speakin' and I think the day is near when she'll be able to take her three meals a day, and sleep nights as comfortably as in the old time.

#### THE COMMON.

It is here, as usual; and the low cess who called it a Vacant Lot, and wanted to know why they didn't ornament it with sum Bildins', is an unhappy Outcast in Naponis.

#### THE LEGISLATURE.

The State House is filled with Statesmen, but sum of 'em wear queer hats. They buy 'em, I take it, of batters who carry on hat strops down stairs in Dock Square, and whose hats is either ten years ahead of the pre-lin' stle, or ten years behind it—jest as an intellectual person sees fit to think about it. I had the pleasure of takin' with several members of the legislature. I told 'em the Eye of 1,000 ages was one to we American popl of to-day. They seemed deeply impressed by the remark, and wantid to know if I had seen the Grate Origin?

#### HARVARD COLLEGE.

This celebrated institution of learnin' is pleasantly situated in the Bar-room of Parkers, in School street, and has poppils from all over the country.

I had a letter, yes'd'y, by the way, from our moortal gon, Artemus, Jr., who is at Bowdoin College in Maine. He writes that he's a Bowdoin Arab. Is it come to this? Is this day, as I nterted with a Parent's care into his childhood's hour—is he going to be a Grate American humorist? Alas! I fear it is too true. Why didn't I bind him out to the Patent Travellin' Vegetable Pill Man, as was struck with his appearance at our last County Fair, and wanted him to go with him and be a Pillist? Or, ark those boys—why little know how the old folks worrit about them. But my father he never had no occasion to worrit about me. You know Betsy, that when I first commenced my career as a moral exhibitor with a six-legged cat and a brass drum, I was only a simple peasant child—skurce 15 Summers had flow'd over my youthful head. But I had sum mind of my own. My father understood this—

## "Go," he said—"go, my son, and hog the public!"

(From the Chronicle.)

### A TRUE STORY.

I would like to tell the school boys who read the Chronicle, some facts in the history of a Southern lad.

Many years since a gentleman, recently graduated from Yale College, opened a boarding school for boys and young men. Being very peculiarly qualified, both by nature and education, for this position, he was eminently successful in it. Every man whom he fitted for college and for various mercantile pursuits, are now filling positions of honor and usefulness all over the United States. He chose as a location for his school, a very beautiful village, lying on the sea shore for his southern border, and on the bank of a lovely river for its eastern. He purchased a very large and elegant dwelling, surrounded by exterior grounds abounding in choice fruit.

There was one respect in which this institution was rather peculiar for a boy's boarding school, and that was in the quality of the table. The instructor determined that the boys should enjoy every luxury of which he himself partook. The regions abounded with choice game, his own place with delicious fruit, and the mouth of deer with the finest oysters. All these he had, on account of their profession, and their distance from any large market, were obtained at a rate as low as could be credited, in these days of war prices and easy railroad communication with large cities.

The neighboring farmers, too, found the big boarding school the best market for their poultry and choice produce. I mention this of the luxurious table, because, although trifling in itself, it has an important bearing upon my story.

This was long before the South had inaugurated the present diabolical rebellion. It was even before there had been any special jealousy on their part, of the Northern freemen. Educational facilities were then, as they have ever been, exceedingly meagre in the slaveholding States, and all their learning was acquired at the North. Thus this gentleman's house was filled with boys having distance from the extreme South. At one time there were among them as many as fifty or more, who were sons of members of the governors of various Southern States. You know we have all had sad proofs of the malign influence of slavery upon the character, habits, and feelings of those reared under its baleful shadows. It was not strange, therefore, that these boys should exhibit un-governed minds, and a hasty impatience of opposition among each other. As respects their preparation, they possessed that rare combination of qualities that compelled his pupils to unite affection and fear in a peculiar manner.

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