

## Poetical Asylum.



### THE WIFE'S DUTY TO HER HUSBAND.

Fie, fie! unknot that threat'ning unkind brow;  
And dart not scornful glances from those eyes,

To wound thy lord, thy king, thy governor;  
It blots thy beauty, as frost bites the meads;

Confounds thy fame, as whirlwinds shake

fair buds,

And in no sense is meet, or amiable.

A woman moved, as like a fountain troubled,

Muddy ill-seeming, thick, bereft of beauty;

And while it is so, none so dry or thirsty

Will deign to sip or drink a drop of it.

Thy husband is thy lord, thy life, thy keeper,

Thy head, thy sovereign; one that cares for

thee,

And for thy maintenance commits his body

To painful labor, both by sea and land;

To watch the night in storms, the day in

cold,

While thou liest warm at home, secure and

safe,

And craves no other tribute at thy hands,

But love, fair looks and true obedience;

Too little payment for so great a debt.

Such duty as the subject owes the prince,

Even such a woman oweth to her husband;

And, when she's froward, peevish, sullen,

sour,

And not obedient to his honest will,

What is she, but a fool contending rebel,

And graceless traitor to her loving lord?

I am ash'm'd that women are so simple

To offer war, where they should kneel for

peace;

Or seek for rule, supremacy, and sway,

When they are bound to serve, love & obey.

Why are our bodies soft, and weak and

smooth,

Unapt to toil and trouble in the world;

But that our soft conditions and our hearts,

Should well agree with our external parts.

SHAKSPERE.

### Miscellaneous.

#### MARRIAGE.

I have often remarked the eagerness of all classes of people to read or hear the accounts of marriages. 'So! John has taken to himself a wife,' cries one. 'Lack-a-day,' exclaims an old lady, 'So, Betty has got a husband at last,' and each is anxious to know all the particulars—who married them—who was there—how the bride was dressed, and so on. On such occasions, I have particularly noticed that the men seem to sympathize chiefly with the bridegroom from the cause probably that each has been, or expects to be, in the same delicate and interesting situation of the persons for whom their sympathies are excited. The reasons are not difficult to explain. There is no circumstance in life half so interesting as that of entering into the holy bonds of wedlock. A choice is made of a companion for life, for good or evil, for prosperity or adversity, for weal or woe, or, in the good old set terms of the ceremonial, for better or for worse.'

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If they see an obstinate churl running needlessly into the law, and expending dollar after dollar, to cheat a neighbor, instead of settling the matter peaceably at home; tell him he too is preparing a trap for himself that will bite before he thinks of it.

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my easy chair, these thoughts were passing on my mind when I dozed, and a large number it was thought, would attend. Hymen entered lighted by his torch; a crowd pressed to the door, but no one was admitted until some satisfactory reason was assigned how the person came in Hymen's company. 'No one will doubt,' said the minister, 'my right here, for who could have performed the ceremony were I absent?' and seated himself in a large easy chair. 'My worship,' said a justice of the peace, 'could tie the knot as tight as your reverence.' A merchant followed, with bills of rich silks and every variety of elegant patterns for wedding dresses—the mantua maker and tailor close upon his heels. 'They must certainly have bureaus, and probably a cradle,' said a cabinet maker, as he passed along. 'And chairs, and settee,' said the chair maker. At that instant a doctor appeared. Hymen declared he could not conceive how a disciple of the esculapius could belong to his train. 'It is a source of my most profitable employment,' gravely answered the doctor. 'Then I have a right too,' exclaimed a nurse rushing forward, her left arm bearing a piece of diaper. A shout was now raised by the shoemaker, the poulter, the victualler, the schoolmaster, and the Lord knows who; among the rest, a printer popped his nose in at the door alured by the savory smell of the terrapin and oyster-soup—it is part of my business to publish the marriages,' said he. 'Let them in; let them in,' said Hymen, 'for it is impossible to tell who is not interested, directly or indirectly. Bid them all welcome to the feast,' and I awoke.

On full consideration, I see that there is

abundant reason for the interest every body takes in a wedding, and I hear it whispered by those who understand the signs of the times, there will be more weddings the present year and the year to come, than there were for many years past.

#### IT WILL BITE.

Riding out the other day, I stopped a moment at the tavern on the hill kept by Mrs. Bucket—and while smoking my pipe with an old friend who had been hunting for an office this month past and come home disappointed, a little boy brought in a spring trap ready set for a mouse; the landlady saw him, and putting him on the head cautioned him—don't put your finger in Bob, it will bite. The little fellow threw it down in an instant. Look there, said my friend, how few are as wise as that little fellow—he won't put his fingers into the trap when it would be the easiest thing in the world to do it; and yet thousands hunt up the trap with infinite labor and pains and then stick a whole hand in it.

He had scarcely spoken, before in came Tom Worthless, with his clothes as ragged as a beggar, and threw down a shilling for a gift; I told him the story, and Tom said, I, you are putting your fingers in the trap nicely—take care it will bite. He swallowed the liquor and allowed the advice was good, but the whiskey better.

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#### BOTANICAL NOTICE.

MEETING of the members of the friendly Thomsonian Botanical Society of the United States, will be held at the Hotel of J. C. Clark, in Vincennes, on the 7th day of August next, at 10 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of forming themselves into a Branch Society; and to transact all such further and other business as shall to them be deemed meet and expedient. The attendance of all the members living in this section of country are earnestly solicited, and that they come prepared, and produce their vouchers of membership. Be present.

SOLON RATHBONE.

Vincennes, July 15, 1834.—3w26

#### TAKEN UP

BY Wm. C. Robinson, of Pi-  
geon township, Vanderburgh  
county, TWO MARES; one  
a dark brown, fourteen & half  
hands high, branded on the left  
shoulder with the letters I.C.,  
a natural trotter, supposed to be seven years  
old last spring. The other a bright brown  
with a star in the forehead, a snip on the  
nose, and white hind feet, shod before; no  
other marks or brands perceptible; racks  
and pieces, fourteen and a half hands high,  
supposed to be five years old last spring; ap-  
praised to thirty dollars each, by Silas Ste-  
phens, Alanson Warner and Wm. Grafton.

N. ROWLEY, J.P.

June 26, 1834.—3w26

#### STATE OF INDIANA,

Vanderburgh County,

Vanderburgh Circuit Court, in vacation, be-  
fore Wm. Olmsted and J. M. Denham,

Associate Judges of said Circuit Court.

John Elsworth,

#### PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

Decoy Elsworth.

THIS day, being the 30th day of June

in the year 1834, comes John Els-  
worth, the above petitioner, and it appears-  
ing to us that the petition of the said peti-  
tioner was duly filed on the 30th day of

June 1834, and upon affidavit duly

made it appearing to us that the said de-  
fendant Decoy Elsworth is not a resident

of the said State, but lives and resides in

the State of Mississippi. It is ordered,

that notice of the filing and pendency of

the said petition be published three

weeks successively, in the Western Sun,

a newspaper printed and published at Vincennes, at least sixty days before the first

day of the next term, notifying the said

Decoy Elsworth that, unless she be and

appear before the Judges of the said Cir-

cuit court on the first day of the next

term of said court, to be held at the

court house in Evansville on the fourth

Monday in September, and then and there

answer the allegation of the said petition;

the same will be heard and determined in

her absence: And which notice is hereby

given under our hands the day aforesaid.

W. C. ROBINSON,  
J. M. DENHAM,  
Associate Judges.

A copy—Attest,

R. M. EVANS, Clerk,

By J. G. JONES, p.c.

July 19, 1834.—3w26

#### SALT.

150 BARRELS MUSK-

INGUM SALT, just

received and for sale, by

ROSS & EWING.

June 11, 1834.—23-6w