

The Birmingham Iron Age.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1874.

CLUB RATES.

We will club the BIRMINGHAM IRON AGE to subscribers for twelve months, with any of the following Periodicals at the prices given:

- American Farmer's Advocate.....\$2.50
- Southern Argus, Selma.....3.50
- Wood's Household Magazine.....3.00
- Southern Cultivator.....3.00
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- Chimney Corner.....5.00
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- Boys and Girls Weekly.....4.25
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Terms, Cash With Each Order.

Address, DUNLAP, ROBERTS & PERSINGER, Publishers.

It is a fact beyond dispute, we have the largest circulation of any paper ever published in Jefferson county. Our subscription list is rapidly filling up with the names of our good friends in the country—the farmers of "old Jefferson." The Birmingham Iron Age now goes to nearly every Post Office in this county.

Col. Powell, introduced into our office on Saturday last Hon. W. L. Smith, Alex. McFarlane, Col. W. B. McCrary and Eli Smith, of Flint, Michigan. They are gentlemen of wealth and education, who have been prospecting this section with a view to investment. The Iron Age goes to Flint, Michigan, now.

Wm. N. McClure, late conductor on the S. & N. A. Railroad, and for years a conductor on the L. & N. Railroad, died in Montgomery, of consumption, Sunday last, aged about 34 years. He was formerly a citizen of Covington, Kentucky, to which place his remains were being conveyed on Monday last.

Mr. C. W. Saunders and Miss A. A. Dyck, were married at the residence of the bride's father, in this county, on the 1st inst.

Pratt is the name of the Post Office at Ironton, five miles below this city. Mr. H. F. Fancher has received the appointment of P. M. there.

This Police, Again.—On Tuesday night Messrs. Bailey and Taylor, night policemen, arrested some disorderly parties after considerable resistance on the part of the latter, who cut Mr. Taylor on the arm and shouldered. The disorderly ones were pursued below the Round House, and while one two policemen were there, all the balance of the city was unprotected—the whole of 2d Avenue and 20th Street, to say nothing of premises on other streets in our extensive city. The people, of the city are crying aloud for more night watchmen, and their cry should be heeded.

Suppose we don't have all the money of the \$50,000 of bonds for macadamizing the streets expended in that way, and spend some of it for additional night police, fire apparatus, etc.

The disorderly persons mentioned above, appeared before the City Court, and the small fine of \$5, only, and costs were imposed, while the resistance to the City's Guardians was ignored.

We invite the attention of the Firemen and our citizens, generally, to the exposure of the doings of the Board of Aldermen and defiance of himself, by Dr. Luckie. We think he has been badly treated by the City Councilmen, and a blow has been struck at the organization which will endanger its existence.

Only a short while ago our city was threatened by incendiaries, and an attempt was made to fire the block on 2d Avenue, opposite our office. The worthy Chief was on guard all night with his corps of firemen, ready for the worst. He has been disheartening and untiring in his efforts to get up a creditable organization, and the Board have not appreciated his efforts.

The inimitable, irrepressible, lively, joyous, sarcastic Ryland Randolph, of the triumphant Blade, is rumored, will be here this evening.

We would like to know where "Pepperglass" gets that word "saute," which he so often uses. Our man Webster knows nothing of it.

Bureau.—The new company at Ironton, Pratt's P. O., five miles below this city, is called the Eureka Company. The old Furnace is closed, after two years service, and a new one was opened yesterday. The yield, we learn, is from 38 to 46 per cent, and by improvements now making, 50 will be attained. Success to the "Eureka."

March came in on Sunday in a sultry mood—no wind, feeling like mad around the curtains, but quietly and foggy, and we had a gloomy looking Sabbath.

A SPLENDID CAKE.—A few days since one of the gentlemanly attaches of the firm of Constantine & Dupuy, entered our office with a package which we were sure contained something nice. And it was nice! A magnificent cake, beautifully and deliciously iced and frosted, and on its side, in elegant raised letters, was the word, "L'Orient." The fair hands that made that delicious piece of confection are certainly expert in the art. We return our grateful thanks to the donors and drink to them this old toast of Tip Van Winkle: "Here's to you and all your families—may you live long and prosper!"

Col. Powell, a few lights since, introduced us to Albert Finck, Vice-President of the L. & N. and G. S. R. R., Mr. Stewart, and others of Louisville. They were a party of railroad officials examining the mines in this neighborhood and inspecting the S. & N. R. R. The special palace car in which they were traveling was a gorgeous one, not wanting in any comfort or convenience. And yet they are not happy.

Bibles Free.—There is a Depository of Bibles in this city, by the American Bible Society, at the store of our friends Ellis & Woods, under Sublett Hall, 2d Avenue. Persons unable to purchase a bible can obtain them of Ellis & Woods "without money and without price."

THE PRINTERS' CIRCULAR.—This excellent monthly for printers comes to us in exchange. It is decidedly the best publication of the kind we have ever seen. It is published by R. S. Menamin, in Philadelphia, at \$1.50 per annum. It is a record of Typographical Literature, Arts and Sciences. It would help to brighten the ideas of many "blacksmiths" in the printing business who don't know the meaning of "tramp."

While we are expected and asked to do job printing at Northern prices, there is nothing that we are compelled to buy (and we buy everything we use that we can procure) that we can obtain at Northern prices. Is that fair? Think of it.

Kieser, the Ledger man, offers ten or fifteen thousand dogs for sale at panic prices, and wants us to send him an agent for a supply. We don't want any Montgomery dogs in Birmingham. They behave too rudely on the streets.

At Washburn Ind., the other day a city councilman traded an artisan well, 1200 feet deep, for a steam fire engine. The trade was declared off, however, when the engine demanded that the well should be delivered on board the cars, boxed for shipment.

Let our councilmen immediately proceed to trade off two or three old wells, and just as well as not, they might be boxed. We wait a fire steamer. Let this wells go, by all means.

It is So.—Of course it is—that those energetic, enterprising, thorough-going business gentlemen, Constantine & Dupuy, on 2d Avenue, near 20th Street, are selling dry goods, notions, etc., at cost, preparatory to confining their attention to the grocery business, at their well-filled establishment on 20th Street, sign of the Golden Eagle.

Now is the chance for our country and city friends to secure bargains. See advertisement in another column. No "quack" about that.

HUMPHRY DUMPTRE.—This pantomime company will be in Montgomery to-night and Friday and Saturday nights. Will not the News man and the Advertiser man, and the Ledger man, use their combined efforts to induce the company to come here? We are "spoiling" for something of the sort. We have a splendid Theatre—cheap.

We don't know which one it was—but one of the Aldermen, we are told, (rumor says it, anyhow), offered an ordinance that no citizen of Birmingham should own a hog. Why not say he should not own a cat, a monkey, a canary bird, or any other pet?

GOKE, GOKE!—Before our first number was issued we solicited an advertisement from the proprietor of the Atlanta House. He declined on the plea of poverty, and now he is poorer than ever, for his house "busted" on the 1st inst. So much for not advertising in a good paper.

We are indebted to Messrs. Danner & Toomer, 288 Deloit Street, New Orleans, for a copy of the triple sheet Times—12 pages.

February came in on Sunday and goes out on Saturday, thus being composed of four exact weeks, and each day of the week occurs an even number of times. This will occur but twice again in the present century—in 1893 and 1891.

We have sent for one of Hogarth's pencils and a few speeches of Webster and Clay, for our kind friend "Pepperglass," in order that he may finish the "blow" aimed at our country officers. Poor fellow! he was too full for utterance when he attempted that rhetoric and fulsome flattery of the gentlemen whom he is so desirous of squeezing "pap" from. But we do wish we had Hogarth's pencil there right now, to draw the picture of "Pepperglass" seated at a gentleman's table, with his feet "heath that table. But for the life of us, we can't see how he ever got his feet under the table without its being raised higher than usual from the floor. And he slept under the roof-tree, same gentleman's house, and he's proud of it. No wonder! He ought to feel proud. He alludes to it as if it was something very uncommon with him to get his eighteenth floor legs under a gentleman's table. The fact is, the Senior of this "Owl" was very hard up when he stretched out that Saturday evening leader. He wilfully distorts our plain language and flies off at a tangent to create a prejudice against us for which there is no warrant. He well knows, and the gentlemen whose names he has publicly paraded in small-cap catch-lines, also well know, that we made no allusion to the character, standing or capabilities of Judge Mudd, Solicitor Walker, the Commissioners, or any of the county officers. We alluded to the county officers who control the blank printing done in Chicago to the loss of many dollars yearly to this county. None of them were even hinted at. "Pepperglass" knew this, and the gentleman he has named knew it, and he is ungenerous, illiberal and a falsifier when he departs from that conviction.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.—Next week our Free School will be open to the white children of this county, under the management of Prof. D. C. B. Connerly. As we have said before, Mr. Connerly is one of the most successful teachers of the age. His long experience, his learning and close attention to all the details of a school, class him as a number one teacher. His assistants are all capable and have their hearts set upon the good work before them. Rev. M. G. Grace, 1st assistant teacher, is too well and favorably known in "old Jefferson" to require a word of commendation. In fact, every department of the school will be ably managed.

We have the pleasure of announcing, too, that Miss Sallie Harrison, an accomplished teacher of music, has been chosen to preside over the Music department. She is fully competent to discharge her important duties, and we'll guarantee she will give complete satisfaction to all concerned.

Kieser, of the Montgomery Ledger, replies to our paragraph regarding going to Montgomery to see him, thusly:

"No trick, upon our honor. We will send a petition to Mr. Finck imploring him to give you a free pass—or you can slip under the sleeping car and steal a ride here. It is very simple. Get on the patent break and lash yourself to it, but be careful to keep awake, for when the whistle blows on the breaks, the sudden jolt might limber you and pitch you off."

We thought you too good a friend, Kieser, to set such a trap for us. We are not fond of "patent breaks"—not even a patent neck break. We'll stay at home until we make a "raise."

A few days ago a gentleman left a roll of papers in this office. Not knowing who had left them and thinking that he would call we laid the roll aside. No call having been made, we yesterday examined the thing and found ourselves rich in Birmingham bonds! We are opposed to Birmingham's repudiating, and are pleased to see that the Independent is also. Hurrah for the "innocent bondholders."

We clip the above from the Montgomery Advertiser of the 1st inst.—"The Home Financial Agent" and "City's General Superintendent" has made a good start on those bonds. Lucky for our city, they fall into good hands in Montgomery, for they would have gone the way Ward's ducks went. What will you take for them, Cooke?

SMALL FIRES.—Are not the water pipes now being laid on 2d Avenue too small in diameter to supply fire-plugs? We are not a Civil nor a "Hydraulic" Engineer, but it seems to us that the volume of water to pass through such pipes and supply fire-plugs would be insufficient. If they are completed as intended we hope a speedy trial may be made of them through a plug corner 10th Street and 2d Avenue.

The new coal mines of the Vicksburg Coal Company, 17 miles below Birmingham, at Helena, will be in full operation by the first of next month, when the best of coal will be launched out by the ship-load, daily.

DANGER OF ADVERTISING LETTERS.—And now a man at Hartford has stopped a newspaper, because his name was printed in a list of advertised letters, and his wife happened to see it first, went and got it for him, and found it was from a young lady, who complained that he didn't meet her at Worcester, as he promised. That fellow, too, is about the average chap that "stops a newspaper."—[Troy Whig.

See announcement of Mr. C. C. Ellis for County Treasurer.

COMMERCIAL.

Birmingham Prices-Current.

CAREFULLY CORRECTED EVERY WEEK BY JAS. A. ALLEN & CO.

COTTON—Low Middling.....	13 1/2 to 14 1/2
BACON—Clear Sides.....	10 to 10 1/2
Clear Ribs.....	9 to 9 1/2
Shoulders.....	9 to 9 1/2
S. C. Hams.....	14 to 15 1/2
Flour—XX.....	10 1/2
XXXX—Family.....	11 1/2
XXXX—Fancy.....	11 1/2
SUGARS—White.....	14
Crushed and Powdered.....	15
Dry, Choice.....	11 to 12
COFFEE—Choice Rio.....	20 to 22
MOLASSES—Prime & Choice.....	10 to 12
Regia.....	10 to 12
BULK MEATS—Clear Rib.....	9 to 9 1/2
Shoulders.....	9 to 9 1/2
Hams.....	14 to 15 1/2
POTATOES—Eggs.....	15 to 16
Flank Eye, per bu.....	5 to 6
Russets.....	4 to 5
CORN—Sweet per bush.....	70 to 75
MEAL—Superior.....	8 to 9
CANDLES—Per box, full weight.....	12 to 13
BUCKWHEAT—Per bu.....	12 to 13
COAL—Lump, per ton.....	15 to 16
SALT, Virginian.....	25 to 30
SHOT—Drop—Bag 25 lbs.....	35 to 40
Buck.....	35 to 40
POWDER—Dupont's—25 lb. keg.....	35 to 40
BUTTER—Country.....	20 to 25
Western.....	35 to 40
OATS.....	70 to 75
HAY.....	15 to 20
CHICKENS.....	15 to 20
EGGS.....	15 to 20
RICE.....	15 to 20
BRICK—per M.....	15 to 20
COAL—Lump, per ton.....	15 to 16
LUMBER—per M.....	15 to 20
LARD—Buckets \$3.75, tins.....	11 to 12
PORK—Fresh.....	15 to 16
VEAL.....	15 to 16
MUTTON.....	15 to 16
CHICKEN.....	15 to 16
TALLOW.....	15 to 16
BEEF.....	15 to 16

LOUISVILLE MARKET.—Yesterday's quotations in Louisville are as follow: Corn, new shelled, 1 1/2 bush, 67c; from store in sacks, 65c; to 50c at store; Oats, 58c to 59c; Rye, \$1 to \$1.08 per bushel; Flour extra, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Extra Family, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Fancy, \$5.35 to \$5.85; Hay, \$15 to \$18 per ton from levee at \$10 to \$15; Mues Pork \$15.50 per bu.; Bacon Shoulders, 10c to 12c; clear rib sides at 8c to 9c; Clear Sides, 8c to 9c; Breakfast Bacon, 10c; Hams, Sugar cured, 12c to 13c; plain, 10c to 11c; Lard, prime leaf, 9c to 10c; for tallow, 10c to 11c; for kegs, 9c; Butter, Western Reserve, 35c to 45c; Boeuf, 30c per prime; Feathers, 50c; Salt 7 bushel barrels at \$2.25; Coffee, common to fancy Rio at 27c to 34c; Java, 38c to 40c; Candles, 10c to 12c; for 4's to 5's; Cheese, 10c to 17c; Cotton, Low Middling, 14c.

Yellow Pine Flooring, 85c to \$50.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Go to Williams & Williams' for any kind of Garden Seeds.

Our friend B. F. Roden, at the St. Elmo, 20th Street, has the best Lager Beer we have ever seen in the South. Give him a call.

STATIONERY, BOOKS, &c.—Our friend J. L. Lockwood has purchased the stock of Stationery, &c., from Mr. Morefield, and will hereafter conduct that business at the Post Office. He intends to keep in stock a fine variety of French Note and Initial paper, Sheet Music, Books and Periodicals, etc., etc.

A VARIED and choice selection of Family Groceries, Canned Goods, Tobacco and Cigars, at H. L. Watlington's, 2nd Avenue.

For Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps of best quality and low prices, go to H. L. Watlington's, 2nd Avenue.

For the best assortment of Garden Seeds, go to Williams & Williams'.

Fire Insurance.

THE undersigned have formed a partnership under the firm name of Cumming & Gumpert. They have obtained the old National Bank office and are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance in the following Companies:

- Liverpool & London & Globe, of Liverpool.
- London & Lancashire, do.
- Home, of New York.
- Franklin, of Philadelphia.
- Louisiana Mutual, New Orleans.
- D. CUMMING.
- S. W. GILLESPIE.

Ech. 12th-11

G. H. EDDLEMAN, Gun and Lock Smith, and Practical MACHINIST, SECOND AVENUE, Birmingham, Ala.

Promptly executes work of every description in his line. A fine stock of Guns, Pistols and Tools always on hand. All work executed in first class style. Two additional workmen have been employed. Feb. 12th-1

VARIETY STORE.

GO TO THE RED V on 2d Avenue, for your Cigars, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, Snuff, Pipes, &c. Paper, Pen, Pencils and Ink, Perfumeries, Combs, Brushes and Toilet Soap, and a great variety of Articles for ladies and gentlemen. Feb. 12-3

GRACE PRINTING

AT THE HOME JOB PRINTING OFFICE

WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS' COLUMN.

EXCELSIOR!

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The above is the title of the

Excelsior Tonic Bitters

which for a little over a year past, have been manufactured and sold in this City by

WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS.

They are now coming into almost universal use in this vicinity. They have been pronounced by an intelligent and discriminating public, to be equal to the best medicine ever offered for the affections for which they are recommended, viz:

DYSPEPSIA or INDIGESTION

LOSS OF APPETITE

Low Spirits or Melancholy, Constipation, Torpid Liver,

An Unexcelled Appetizer, and a

Sure Preventer of Chills!

Being pleasant to the palate, and acceptable to the stomach under all circumstances; harmless to all constitutions, invigorating to the invalid and restoring the health of those who have suffered for years, and preserving intact the health of those who consider that they need no medicine. It is not to be wondered at that the demand for them is great.

We now ask those who have not yet had the pleasure of trying these Bitters, to get one bottle and see for themselves, if a Bitters MANUFACTURED HERE—among the burning sands of our Sunny South is not as good, if not superior to those put up many hundred miles away—whether in the dry regions of the great North or elsewhere.

We have heretofore published testimonials from the leading Physicians of the City and from some of our most respected and intelligent citizens. We have in our possession many other testimonials, clearly establishing the merits of the Bitters; but in consequence of the heavy demand for them at present; the reputation they have already made and the true merits which we know them to possess, we deem it unnecessary to say more. Suffice it to say, that our most eminent Physicians now prescribe them for their patients.

Order from

Williams & Williams,

Wholesale Druggists,

20th Street, Birmingham, Ala.

February 10th, 1874.

Atlanta Paper Mills.

ATLANTA PAPER MILLS—JAN. OR MOND, FEBRUARY. For specimen of "News" we refer to this issue of this paper.

D. R. DUNLAP. J. T. TERRY.

D. R. DUNLAP & CO.,

Real Estate Agents,

Office in the old Bank Office.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

- No. 1. The finest residence in the city, 2 story, with 8 rooms, halls and servants' rooms, fine cistern; lot 150x200 feet, corner 6th Avenue and 10th Street.
2. Dwelling house, on east side of 18th Street, between 3d & 4th Avenues, has 4 rooms with basement and hydrant attached.
3. Half interest in the lot, also on N. W. corner of 2d Avenue & 21st Street.
4. Half interest in dwelling house and lot on N. E. corner of 20th Street & 6th Avenue. This is the most eligible lot in the city for a fine residence.
5. Store house on N. W. corner of 2d Avenue & 20th Street.
6. Store house on North side of 2d Avenue, between 19th & 20th Streets.
7. Store house on West side of 20th Street between 2d & 3d Avenues.
8. Dwelling house on N. W. corner of 8th Avenue & 10th Street.
9. 50 acres of very fine farming or garden lands, 4 miles South West of Elyton, between Tusculum & Montevallo roads.
10. Dwelling house on south side of 6th Avenue, between 19th & 20th Streets, lot 50x140 feet.
11. Dwelling house on south side of 6th Avenue, between 19th & 20th Streets, lot 100x140 feet.
12. Store house on north side of 1st Avenue, between 19th & 20th Streets.
13. Dwelling house on south side of railroad, on 6th Avenue, between 18th and 19th Streets; 4 rooms, fine garden spot, near a large spring.
14. Two vacant lots, on east side of 20th Street between 3d and 4th Avenues.
15. One vacant lot on east side of 20th Street between 3d and 4th Avenues on all sides.
16. One large residence in Elyton, fine orchard—near the big spring.
17. Dwelling house on North side of 4th Avenue, between 18th and 19th Streets, 5 rooms, kitchen and servants room.
18. Two vacant lots near of Marz's corner, on East side of 19th street, between 1st and 2d Avenues.
19. Dwelling house N. E. corner of 5th Avenue and 25th Street.
20. Lot South side of Rail-Road, between 21st and 22d Streets.

FOR RENT.

- Dwelling on northeast corner of 20th Street and 6th Avenue.
- Dwelling, 3 rooms and servants' room west side of 17th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.
- Store house on North side of 2nd Avenue between 10th and 20th Streets.
- Store house on south side of 2nd Avenue between 10th and 20th Streets.
- Store house on north side of 1st Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets.
- Store house on north side of 2nd Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets.
- Residence on East side of 47th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues.
- Small house on South side of 1st Avenue, between 24th and 25th Street.
- Store house and dwelling overhead on 20th Street, opposite First National Bank, between 21st and 22d Streets—7 rooms.
- Store house and dwelling overhead—East side of 21st Street, between 2d and 3d Avenues.

Free School Notice.

I AM authorized by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Birmingham to announce that during the present year, will be free to all white persons living in Jefferson County, Alabama, to attend the common schools. The school will open on the second Monday, 4th day of March, and all children, sent in their names and daughters promptly on the first day.

Feb. 12-4w. J. H. GILLESPIE, Principal-Free School.

Williams & Williams,

Wholesale and Retail

DRUGGISTS.

The oldest firm in Birmingham.

Has removed to their new brick building on 20th Street, opposite First National Bank. Keep always on hand a full supply of all kinds of Drugs, Chemicals, and all the latest and most improved Fancy Toilet Articles, and give special attention to filling orders for Physicians and patients buying in large quantities. Give them a trial. They can't be undersold.

Feb. 12-4w.

GILLESPIE & MONTAGUE,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

DRUGS, MEDICINES,

TOILET ARTICLES,

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS,

PATENT MEDICINES,

Oils, Lamps, Chimneys, Shades, &c.

20th Street, next door to National Bank.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Prescriptions carefully compounded.

Feb. 12-4w.

R. HERNANDEZ, of Florida.

M. C. WILEY, of Alabama.

Hernandez & Wiley,

Auction & Commission Merchants

Corner 3d Avenue and 20th St.

DEALERS IN GRAIN AND GROCERIES.

Particular attention paid to the Sale of Real Estate at Auction.

Auction Sales every Saturday. Real Estate Sales 1st Wednesday in each month.

Consignments solicited. Remittances promptly made.

Feb. 12th-13th

W. H. PAUL,

Corner 3d Avenue and 20th Street,

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,

Manufacturer of and Dealer in

TIN-WARE.

GUTTERING & ROOFING

Done at Short Notice.

Prompt attention given to orders. Feb. 12-3

S. C. MINTYRE,

EXPERIENCE OF 35 YEARS.

Office over Dr. Bates' Drug Store.

Feb. 12-3

W. L. & A. J. SIVLEY,

WE KEEP

STAPLE & FANCY

Dry Goods,

Groceries, Hardware,

Crockery, Pottery and Glass,

Paints, Oils,

PATENT MEDICINES.

BIRMINGHAM IRON AGE.

March 5th, 1874.

FRIENDSHIP.

A tiny, slender, silken thread
Is friendship, and we make it
By hearts and lives to hearts and lives,
But even a breath may shake it.
And oft it takes but one word
But one word—no break it!

It draws the lips in smiling shape,
It draws the look of pleasure
From eye to eye when hands touch hands,
Which two hearts beat one measure,
And draws a meaning from a word
Which makes that word a treasure.

Like strings of musical harp or lute
Between glad souls 'tis folded,
And love's fond fingers on the thread
Make music rare and golden.
Make music such as tender hearts
'Till love and never grow old, till

But if a breath may shake it, let
That breath come near it never,
And never spoken be that word
Which friendship's tie might sever,
But let the cord grow stronger till
The drawing is forever.

A MOTHER'S LESSON.

She held the mirror to the light,
Her child in wonder standing night
And showed the weal and woe of life
Reflected 'neath the summer sky.
"The world," she said, "to thee will shine
In bright hues of the summer day,
Reflected in that heart of thine,
But all must surely pass away."

And then she turned the glittering glass,
And, swift, he saw the picture pass.
She held the mirror to the room—
Her child in wonder stood and gazed
In earnest look and earnest gloom
She made familiar things appear
"Thy home," she said, "where'er thou art,
With all its things dear for many a day,
Shall glow, reflected in their heart—
But this must also pass away."

And then she turned the mirror's range;
And, slow, he saw the picture change.
She held the mirror to the sky—
Her child in wonder stood and gazed
And saw, like angel hosts on high,
The free clouds floating in the blue,
"Beyond all clouds and suns that shine,
Awaits thee God's immortal day,
Reflected in that heart of thine,
Let not that glory pass away."

And then she let the mirror lie,
And kept the picture of the sky.

The New Bird of Freedom.

In his late speech against the Civil Rights Bill, delivered in the National House of Representatives, on the 24th ult. Hon. W. Mack Robbins, of North Carolina, made the following practical suggestion, upon which we think the Congress should act, if it has any regard whatever for "the eternal fitness of things."

The fanatical spirit which threatens utterly to dominate this country seeks to reduce everything and everybody to the plane of mediocrity and a common average. It hates superior excellence. It is a leveling spirit, leveling downward and not upward. In the eyes of these so-called universal equality men no doubt the forests look deformed, because the oak, and elm, and pine overshadow the minor shrubs; and the stars tower above the common stars because Sirius and Arcturus, and Aldebaran shine out proudly eminent among their little companions. And these men would think it an improvement if they could bring down all the trees to the level of the black-jack, and all the stars to the size of the North Star. But fortunately these things are beyond their power, being protected by a constitution which our radicalism and higher law men cannot, and therefore, do not, violate and trample on. But there is one thing which these fanatical levelers might do, and to be consistent they ought to do it at once. Above your head, Mr. Speaker, I see the eagle—our national emblem. Of the eagle—our national emblem. In the name of equality, sir, I demand what business has he here? He is a monarch—the king of birds. He is no fit emblem for us in these times—no proper representative of the prevalent ideal. I suggest that he be torn down as the French tore down the monogram of the Emperor. Do you ask me what bird could with propriety be put in his place? The crow, sir. He is a bird of medium size, and therefore, embodies well the idea of the levelers. His plumage is of the favorite color so popular with the dominant party. [Laughter.] I will not—because it would seem ungracious—carry out the parallel in its details, and show how fit an emblem for the times he is in other respects, such as his thieving propensities, and the like. [Laughter.] I think what has been suggested is sufficient to satiate you that if this bill is to pass, the so-called reformers should at least amend it, by providing that the eagle shall henceforth come down from his proud perch, and the crow be exalted in his stead. [Laughter.]

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