



THE MAKER.

The satin glows 'neath the fingers wan,
As her needle she wearily plies,
She sighs!
She bends her face o'er the soft rich lace,
And memory's tears in her eyes
Arise!
Long years ago, when those eyes were bright
With the light of love and the joy of youth,
And truth!
The truth of him whose love was her prize,
The satin's bloom, soft lace, rich furs,
Were hers!
And the Present, a spectre, gaunt and drear,
Doth smite the Past with its icy dart,
Poor heart!
For the tears must be dried, and the needle swift,
With endless stich, must work on, still on—
Rest none!
And the "Maker," pale-check'd, bent and worn,
Must labor ever—noon, night and morn—
Forlorn!
Till she bears the dress to the Wearer's home,
And nearer walks, with fluttering breath,
To death!

—ARTHUR MATTHEW.



THE WEARER.

The satin glows on her stately form,
Her bright eyes merily glance,
And dance!
A face bends o'er her—a rich, soft voice
Breathes low, and she looks above,
With love!
The light of long, happy years to come
Falls o'er, and fills her being with bliss,
I wis!
For the love of him she loves, is her prize—
Shine glittering gems both rich and rare
For her!
And the Present, a radiant, rosy Joy,
Doth sweetly smite her with love's dear dart—
Proud heart!
And her fair cheek glows, and her heart beats swift,
Her tide of life flows happily on—
Grief none!
And the "Wearer," beauteous, joyful, blest,
Is happy ever—morn, night and noon,
For soon
To his home he will bear her, he whom she loves,
And the moment comes that shall crown her life—
As Wife!

—ARTHUR MATTHEW.

The following will show the number of electoral votes, to which each State is entitled in the Electoral College, for President and Vice-president:

Alabama.....	8	Missouri.....	11
Arkansas.....	5	Nebraska.....	3
California.....	5	Nevada.....	3
Connecticut.....	6	New Hampshire.....	3
Delaware.....	3	New Jersey.....	7
Florida.....	3	New York.....	33
Georgia.....	9	North Carolina.....	9
Illinois.....	16	Ohio.....	21
Indiana.....	13	Oregon.....	3
Iowa.....	8	Pennsylvania.....	26
Kansas.....	3	Rhode Island.....	4
Kentucky.....	11	South Carolina.....	6
Louisiana.....	7	Tennessee.....	10
Maine.....	7	Texas.....	6
Maryland.....	7	Vermont.....	5
Massachusetts.....	12	Virginia.....	10
Michigan.....	8	West Virginia.....	5
Minnesota.....	4	Wisconsin.....	8
Mississippi.....	7		
Total.....	317		

It requires 159 to elect, in case the votes of all the States are counted. Should the votes of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas be rejected under the bill of Congress, passed over the veto of the President, July 20, 1868, then the Electoral College will be composed of 294, of which 148 will be necessary to elect.

We notice that some of our cotemporaries include Colorado among the States, which is wrong, as Colorado is yet a Territory.

If WADE HAMPTON and General FORTNEY should suddenly die, what would the Radical speakers and writers have to talk about?

The Sword of Lee.

BY REV. A. J. RYAN.

Forth from its scabbard, pure and bright,
Flashed the sword of Lee;
Far in the front of the deadly fight,
High o'er the brave in the cause of right,
Its stainless sheen, like a beacon light,
Led us to victory.

Out of its scabbard, where full long
It slumbered peacefully—
Roused from its rest by the battle-song,
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong,
Guarding the right, avenging the wrong—
Gleamed the sword of LEE!

Forth from its scabbard, high in air,
Beneath Virginia's sky—
And they who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear
That where that sword led they would dare
To follow and to die.

Out of its scabbard, never hand
Waved sword from stain so free,
Nor purer sword led braver hand,
Nor braver bled for a brighter land,
Nor brighter land had a cause so grand,
Nor cause a chief like LEE!

Mosquitoes.

The following bit of natural history is from Mr. Josh Billings:

"We are told that there wan't anything made in vain; this is sum so, but I have thought that the time spent in manufacturing musketoze must have been if the musketoze wan't. How they were put together I never could tell; and there is one peculiarity about the musketer trade, and that is, the supply always exceeds the demand, and yet the production is not diminished. I can't understand this nohow. They are born of poor but industrious parents, and brought up with great care, under the auspices of some of our best families. They also have consummate courage. I've known one musketer to fight a man and his wife awl night and draw the first blood. It is very easy to kill musketoze when you can; but in striking them you are very apt to strike where they recently was. They are cheerfull little cusses singing as they go."