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A SORROWING wail comes sighing on the hush of evening air, Beside those draperies, white and still, a mother kneels in prayer...

The Story-Teller.

BUYING A WEDDING CAKE.

"LETTERS, sir, from de pos' office" "Very well, Sambo, put 'em down, and take yourself off."

I could endure this badgering no longer, but pounced upon a gigantic pyramid of sugar lilies, from which peeped up a tiny alabaster cupid.

"I cannot comprehend what you mean," answered I, sturdily. She said no more, but sat quietly down, and shaded her eyes with her hand...

A RURAL SCENE.

WE had a royal progress from Boston to Fontdale. Summer lay on the shining hills and scattered benedictions. Plenty smiled up from a thousand fertile fields.

Wit and Humor.

POP.

AND there they sat, a popping corn, John Stiles and Susan Cutter; John Stiles as fat as any ox, And Susan fat as butter!

LITTLE JOKERS.

AN honest man's the noblest work of God—but the edition is small, suggests the N. O. Playgoer.

Corner for the Young.

MISCELLANEOUS ENIGMA.

I AM composed of 27 letters. My 1, 5, 6, 4, 3 is a lake in North America. My 7, 11, 5, 17, 19, 23, 3 is a town Somersetshire.

DECAPITATIONS.

BEHEAD something necessary to man's happiness, and leave a sign. Behead a hostler, and leave a part of a horse.

AN ANAGRAM.

NEWX eht gyran charm dinws obliw, Dan nrisa neesid, nad hfeesrt wlof

ARITHMETICAL QUESTION.

WHAT two of the digits which if you multiply one of them by two, and add five to the product, and multiply that sum by five and add to the product the other digit, the sum will be 62.

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