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Snow Flakes.

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Come, stand at the window, and listen  
To the soft and musical rhyme  
Of the snow-flakes that softly are falling,  
Waiving and whirling to time.

Like blessings these snow flakes are falling,  
As gently as peace round the hearth,  
And softly caressing, embracing,  
They light on the desolate earth.

Would our hearts were pure as the snow-flakes,  
Our thoughts like these crystals of air;  
In blessings our acts would be falling,  
Like snow flakes, as spotless and fair.

Gossip and Gleanings.

A creedless church has generally too much religion to suit one class, and not enough to suit another.

A bere—The man who persists in talking about himself when you wish to talk about yourself.

Don't strain your voices scolding your children. The little wreches won't appreciate your sacrifice.

One of our exchanges contains an article on the *Magnolian Drama*; we presume it must be acted in Florida although the writer speaks of it as a Chinese performance.

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The oldest tomb-stone in Trinity Church-yard is that of Richard Churcher, who died on August 5, 1681, age five years and five months.

Mrs. Jenkins complained in the evening that the turkey she had eaten didn't set well. "Probably," said Jenkins, "it was not a hen turkey."

Young Lady—"Oh, I am so glad you like birds; which kind do you admire most?" Old Squab—"Well, I think the goose, with plenty of stuffing is about as good as any."

subscriber, records the startling fact in a half-column article headed "Still Another! Our Course Indorsed by the People!"

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Holmes' notior of contentment:

"Little I ask: my wants are few;  
I only wish a bit of one,  
(A *very plain* brown stone will do,  
That I may call my own."

News is scarce in Minnesota. In the effort to present something fresh, a Lanesboro paper has found it necessary to publish the Ten Commandments, under an excuse of a "gentle reminder now and then."

The following is a copy of a notice displayed in a field in South London: "Ladies and

gentlemen are requested not to steal turnips. Other persons, if detected, will be prosecuted."

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Policeman (to individual who has arrived at the maudlin stage)—"Now, then, move on. What are you a-thinkin' on loitering here?" Individual—"I was (hic) a thinkin' o' turnin' over quite a noo leaf sir; quite a noo leaf!"

A little knot of ladies were discussing the subject of marriage. One of the party, a single young lady, said: "Matches are made in Heaven." "Very likely," was the quick rejoinder of a married lady, "and they are often dipped in the other place."

Tommy got his gold pen taken away in school for unseasonable scribbling, and the teacher's desk-key turned on it, and Tommy says that if this course of locking up gold is to be persisted in, there will be in that school a financial, or some other kind of disturbance.

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At a party, while a young lady was playing with peculiar brilliancy of touch, a bystander

Old bachelor uncle: "Well Charley, what do you want now?" Charley: "O, I want to be rich."—Uncle: "Rich! why so?"—Charley: "Because I want to be petted, and

ma says you are an old fool, but must be petted because you are rich—but it's a great secret, and I musn't tell it'

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A Chicago reporter went to report a funeral in church, the other day, and being, like all other Chicago reporters' in a state of heathen darkness about Christmas, he wrote out a long description of the ceremony, the words and

There are many sermons good enough to be repeated to the same congregation, and when clergymen exchange pulpits the hearers rather expect to be treated with an old sermon; but it does not follow, however, that the min-

ister should not change the local points in the manuscript to suit the place and occasion. A Somerville (Massachusetts) preacher went over lately to Andover to preach. In his discourse was an allusion to the insane asylum at Somerville. And, forgetting that he was in Andover, he said: 'Sooner than a child of mine should be subjected to such influences, I would be willing to have him confined by order in

be willing to have him confined in yonder institution," pointing directly to the Andover Theological Seminary.

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**How Quacks Thrive.**

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**A WARNING TO THE GULLIBLE.**  
The Boston Journal of Chemistry publishes the following fact, which may perhaps prove

a warning to some other poor deluded victim : The amount of money paid to medical quacks in this and other cities every year is much greater than is supposed, and the ingenious ways in which large sums are extorted from their frightened dupes should be better understood, not only by those who are in danger of becoming their victims, but by the

officers of the law. We recently became cognizant of a case which, although flagrant and cruel to the last degree, is no worse than hundreds of others occurring every day in the dens of these thieves, scattered through some of the less frequented streets of the city.

A gentleman, who had in his employ a young man of industrious habits and up-right character, recently called upon us and

stated that he feared that the young man had fallen into the hands of a quack in the city who was taking all his earnings, and endeavoring to fleece him of every dollar of his property. He had solicited the loan of \$700, which he confessed he desired to pay to a French doctor (!) who proposed to cure him of a dangerous disease. The gentleman desired us to aid him in attempts to save the victim from the clutches of the quack, and, as he

This we did, and learned that the young man really had no disease whatever; 'bat fancying that he was sick, from reading the advertisements in a newspaper, he called upon the advertising doctor, who, after thumping his ribs and "sounding" him with a stethoscope pronounced him "far gone" in consumption. He had already been taking his nostrums six months, paying large sums there-

for; but at the last visit to the great French doctor, he had discovered another disease, which he could not undertake to cure for less than \$1,000 cash in hand. As a special favor to him, however, he would cure the malady for \$700 in advance; and this sum he was endeavoring to raise by mortgaging his little property and rendering himself almost penniless. The quack was very urgent, telling him that "death stared him in the face," and

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