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## MISS CLEVELAND'S APOLOGY.

If I a rosy little boy  
Had peradventure been created,  
I dare say that the general joy  
Could not be overestimated.  
My mother weeps, my father frowns,  
A waiting nation is offended;  
The money for my little gowns  
Has been most fruitlessly expended;  
Sing lac a day and woe to me  
Who fain a little boy would be.  
Had I been born a boy I might  
Become a governor potential,  
And by a precedent now trite  
Aspire to honors presidential.  
Alas, my sire's prophetic phrase  
Represents all his hopes and blunts  
him;  
A sad condition meets his gaze—  
'Tis not a theory confronts him.  
Oh, who this wide world would be  
A helpless little girl like me!  
And yet there comes a thought to cheer  
And soothe my sorrow as no other,  
That howsoever the world seems drear  
There's one to love me still—my  
mother.  
Perhaps her sunny life may make  
A mourning nation more contented  
To love me for my own sweet sake,  
When in me she is represented.  
What joy to think the world may see  
My mother live again in me!  
—Kansas City Star.

## THE SALTON SEA.

Thought to be Permanent and the  
People Hope So.

Dr. P. G. Cotter, in conversa-  
tion in reference to the present  
condition of the Salton sea, said:  
It is estimated that nine tenths  
of the Colorado river is flowing  
into it. The sea is not increased  
in depth by this inflow; but it has  
lowered about three inches. It is  
now from four to seven feet in  
depth in various parts. The river  
leaves its bed about fourteen  
miles below Yuma, where the ele-  
vation above the sea level is 143  
feet. It flows in precipitous plun-  
ges, many of them in the nature  
of cataracts, down dozens of feet,  
wearing away the soil over which  
it flows and making the fall con-  
stantly more precipitous near the  
break in the river. The break is  
137 feet above the sea, while the  
Salton basin is 263 feet below,  
making a total grade from the  
river of 400 feet.

The Colorado river is very heav-  
ily charged with solids and will  
precipitate half an inch of allu-  
vium to every six feet of water.  
This matter is being constantly  
washed down the river and is  
forming a bank in the river bed  
just beyond this break, so that  
shortly the entire body of the river  
will be turned into the Salton  
sea. The winter floods, he thinks,  
will raise the Salton sea until it  
becomes a lake 300 feet in depth

and 150 miles long, and finds its  
outlet through the bed of the New  
river into the gulf of Mexico.  
Southern Pacific engineers have  
examined the river break with a  
view of finding a way to turn the  
river back. They reported that  
such could be done by piling, but  
that it would be too expensive a  
job for the company to undertake.  
The cause of this break is explain-  
ed by the doctor in this manner:

The Colorado river flows as far  
as a point a few miles above Yuma  
directly south. At Yuma it meets  
the Yuma river and turns to the  
west nearly at right angles. There  
it struck a small mountain called  
Pilot Knob, and it changed again  
back to its south course. Recent-  
ly, instead of flowing at an acute  
angle at Pilot Knob, the river has  
been making from Yuma a due  
south course, the bed not reaching  
Pilot Knob at all. This threw the  
force of the stream against the  
west bank of the river, which soon  
ate that bank away and formed  
the break. The break would not  
have occurred had not the river  
left its bed near Pilot Knob. Dr.  
Cotter says the people of Yuma  
are glad of the change. The new  
sea will be a benefit to the climate  
as well as provide them with a  
new method of transportation,  
since vessels could come into the  
sea from the gulf of California.

## The New Game Law.

Several of the state papers have  
been publishing game laws at dif-  
ferent times during the past sum-  
mer, none of which have been al-  
together correct. Secretary of  
State Rotwitt furnishes the fol-  
lowing which he vouches for as  
entirely correct and reliable:

"Deer, antelope, mountain  
sheep, mountain goats, elk and  
moose, September 15th to Janu-  
ary 15. Buffalo and quails pro-  
tected until 1901. Hunting for  
skins only, for market or for sale,  
and hounding prohibited. No  
close season for bears, curlews  
and snipes. Otters, martens and  
fishers, October 1st to April 1st.  
Grouse of all kinds, sagehens, fool-  
hens, pheasants and partridges,  
August 15th to November 15th.  
Ducks and geese, August 15th to  
May 1st. Song and insectivorous  
birds protected; their nests and  
eggs, and those of all game birds  
protected. Hook and line and  
spear fishing allowed at any time,  
but catching speckled or mountain  
trout for profit prohibited; the use  
of explosives, poison drugs and  
nets, traps, etc., prohibited.

## A MATRON TO MAIDENS.

Quiet Whispers in Girl's Ears  
About Love and Matrimony.

[Young Ladies' Bazar.]

Girls, don't think that every  
young man who calls upon you  
once or twice is in love with you.

Don't think because you are  
prettier than your neighbor across  
the way, and have prettier gowns,  
that it is right to try to flirt from  
your front stoop with her beau  
when he calls upon her.

Don't astonish your friends and  
acquaintances with magnificent  
gowns, while your mother wears  
cheap bombazine and cloak and  
bonnet that every one can see  
have done at least five year's ser-  
vice.

Don't show up lily-white taper  
fingers if her's are seamed with  
work.

Don't be always drumming on  
the piano when your visitor's call.

Don't expect that a man's inten-  
tions are sincere until he informs  
you in plain English that they are.

Don't hint to a man that you  
like him and that he is your ideal,  
and that you wouldn't mind leav-  
ing the state of single-blessedness  
if "Barkis is willing."

Don't make yourself obnoxious  
by appearing persistently at places  
you know to be his usual  
haunts until the young man has a  
fear of turning each street corner  
he comes to lest he will meet you.

Don't accept your wedding out-  
fit from the hands of your lover.

## "Ham"

Pomposity is never ridicule-  
proof; even true dignity finds it  
difficult to hold its own against  
laughter. Sir James Scarlett,  
when practising at the bar, one  
day had to examine a witness  
whose evidence promised to be  
damaging unless he could be pre-  
viously confused. The only vul-  
nerable point of the man was said  
to be his self-esteem.

The witness, a portly, overdressed  
person, went into the box, and  
Scarlett took him in hand.

"Mr. John Tompkins, I be-  
lieve?"

"Yes."

"You are a stockbroker?"

"I ham."

Scarlett regarded him atten-  
tively for a few moments, and  
then said, "And a very fine, well-  
dressed ham you are, sir."

The shout of laughter which  
followed completely disconcerted  
Mr. Tompkins, the lawyer's point  
was gained.