











Literary and Domestic.

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ZEKLE'S COURTIN'.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Zekle crep up quite unbeknown, An' pecked in thru the window, An' there sat Hudly all alone, 'Tis no at Hudly to hinder.

THE MINER'S WIFE.

BY M. STRATTON BEERS.

"Something it is which thou hast lost, Some pleasure from thine early years, Break, thou deep vase of chilling tears, That grief hath shaken into frost."

thoughts of home. But to-night we were not half through with our letters, and the hush was so great that the tick, tick, of the insects in the logs could be plainly heard, when Bruiser, one of the men, gave vent to a stunning ejaculation.

wagons, each drawn by four mules; a pony and two cows with their calves. "Hurrah boys, I'm off to meet that caravan sure; you'll excuse me from anchoring the grounds to the bottom of that coffee pot just now, let 'em swim till Jack's wife gets here, she'll show us how to fix 'em I'll warrant," and he had a saddle on his horse, and was a skudding down the valley at a brake-neck pace almost before the words, which were strung to the key of perfect joy, were out of his lips.

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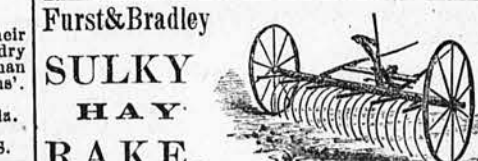
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