Equivocation.

We lingered, in the act to part,
The last word still unspoken,
By the quick beating of my heart
The silence faintly broken.

So beautiful she seemed, and pure—
Ah me! how I should miss her:
Unable longer to endure
My wish, I asked to kiss her.

A blush of deepest rose o'erspread
Her face, as if to mask it,
As, with a woman's art, she said,
"Why, Frank, you should not ask it!"

Sooysmith.

SHE DRAWS HER BOW.

She draws her bow with ardent care
To bind her wealth of raven hair:
This little maid of scarce fourteen
Has found vraiment too soon, I ween,
That she is fair and débonnaire.

The years sped by; my boy, beware!
A maiden never looks so fair
As when, upon the village-green,
She draws her bow.

With laughing eyes beyond compare,
She drives her suitors to despair
When chosen of the day the queen:
She feasts them at the old demesne.
The game is up; 'tis sad, when there
She draws her bow.

—Williams Fortnight.

Ardent lover (embracing the leading lady):
At last, my own, I can hold you in these arms—at last I can look into those calm blue eyes, and read there the sweet story of your love. Kiss away my sorrows, love, and the past will seem like some dreadful dream! (Aside to her)—Now, when you kiss me, don't hang on forever. There's my wife watching me from the opera box.—Rambler.

Selected miscellany—Mince-pie.

First Tramp (contemplatively): "Horace, did you ever wonder what you would do if you got all Vanderbilt's money?"

Second Tramp: "No, I've never thought much about it; but I guess I would lay low till the affair blew over.—Ex.

He had a silk hat,
That was glossy and round:
He had a silk hat,
But he went on a hat,
And on it he sat
With a sensible sound.
He had a silk hat
That was glossy and round.

—Yale Record.

The manager of a Boston daily telegraphed to its correspondent in Belfast last week to "send full particulars of the flood," thinking that the freshets which have been inundating the Hub and vicinity extended to Maine. The answer was returned by postal: "For particulars of the flood, refer to the 7th chapter of Genesis."—Ex.