

IF. If you have a happy voice, Sing, that others may rejoice; Let its tender cadence flow...

If you have a precious thought, That to you has gladness brought, Write it not within your breast; Write it and make others blest!

If you have a loving word, Speak it where it can be heard, Souls are languishing to-day, For the words that you might say;

Between the curtains of snowy lace Over the way, is a baby's face. It peeps forth, smiling in merry glee, And waves its pink little hand at me.

My heart responds with a lonely cry, But in the wonderful by and by, Out from the window of God's "To be," That other baby shall beckon to me.

That ever haunting and longed-for face, That perfect vision of infant grace, Shall shine on me in a splendor of light, Never to fade from my eager sight.

All that was taken shall be made good— All that puzzles me, understood; And the white hand that I lost one day Shall lead me into the Better Way.

WHERE SHE DREW THE LINE.

Laura, said young George Van Perkins, tenderly, do you think you could consent to leave this beautiful home, where your innocent childhood was spent...

You would miss many of the conveniences and enjoyments of city life, pursued George, in a community of hard-working settlers.

I should be one of the workers myself, exclaimed the fair girl with beautiful enthusiasm. With youth, health, devotion to each other, and the future before us, there is no reason why we cannot be happy...

None of these things, George, are essentials to real happiness. And where the trivial customs that prevail in so-called refined circles are unknown; where women never turn to look at each other's dresses as they pass on the street.

What's that, Mr. VanPerkins? said Laura in an altered tone, is that the kind of an existence to which you would doom me? [Rings for servant.] Victoria, show the gentleman out.—Chicago Tribune

THE WATER OF SUPERIOR.

How cold the dark water of Lake Superior is! One evening when we were steaming across that lake I asked the mate what was done when a man fell overboard. He coolly replied, Nothing.

Why? I asked, astonished at his heartlessness. The water of Lake Superior is so cold that a man cannot live in it during the time it takes to stop a rapidly-moving vessel and lower a boat, he replied.

His hypothesis is that water finds its way below the crust of the earth, and then meets with carbides of metals, particularly of iron, in a growing state. The water is decomposed into its constituent gases; the oxygen unites with the iron, while the hydrogen takes up the carbon and ascends to a higher region, where part of it is condensed into mineral oil and part remains as natural gas, to escape where it can find an outlet or to remain stored at great pressure until a borehole is put down to provide it a passage to the surface.

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Charlie, age eight, brought home a slinking yellow pup, bow-legged, drooping-tailed and shame-faced. He cared for it tenderly, fixed a dry-goods box in the back yard for a kennel, and on every possible occasion exhibited the animal proudly. His sister, Ella, age eighteen, asked him facetiously: Where did you get that dog?

I bought him from a man for 25 cents, with the pride of ownership. Mercy! The idea of paying 25 cents for that horrid beast!

Charlie's eyes flashed indignantly. He isn't horrid. That shows how much a girl knows. The man told me he is a full-blooded cur.

THE EDITOR'S MARRIAGE.

The good book has said that it is not well for men to be alone. It has been saying so for about 2000 years, more or less, but it was only yesterday that we concluded that such indeed was the case, and proceeded to get us a wife.

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good, clean beds and a square meal for 50 cents. There it was in that mansion that shot from Cupid's bow was shot clean through our two tender hearts.

Yes, there we saw the Widow Plodger, and it was there we wooed and won and wedded her. It was a moonlight night she approached us with a board bill in her hand, but all undaunted we fell at her feet and poured forth the tale of affection that filled our bosom. Need we say, that the moon looked down with watery eyes through the dark swaying boughs of the oak? Need we say that the fair head nestled upon our editorial shoulders, and she said she would be ours? No, but such was the case, and to night we are a married man.

The ceremony! Who can tell about it? There was the parson—we promised him \$2; there was the bride, all white fludds and veils and flowers and ribbons and smiles, and there was we—the whole is summed up in the confession that we hereby breathe forth to the brethren of the press—we are no longer we—we are, us.—Eagle Guleh [Idaho] Warwhoop.

WHAT HE DISCOVERED.

A handsomely dressed young woman entered a crowded street car. A long whiskered old fellow, wearing a dingy slouch hat and a suit of homespun clothes, got up and said: Miss, take my seat. I don't look as well as these here gentlemen—nodding at several men—but I've discovered that I've more politeness.

The young woman sat down without thanking the old fellow; and, slyly winking at a woman whom she knew, whispered:

How do you like my gallant country hoosier? I don't you think that he would cut quite a figure in a dime museum?

Miss, said the old fellow with a smile which clearly bespoke his unconsciousness of the unlady-like ridicule, I believe I left my pocket-book thar on that seat. Will you please get up a minute?

The young woman got up. The old fellow sat down, and, stroking his whiskers, remarked:

B'lieve I'll jest keep on setting here, Miss. I stood up so much at the dime museum jest now that I'm sorter tired. I've got a leetle more politeness than these here gentlemen but I have discovered that I ain't got nigh so much sense.—Arkansas Traveller.

ODD WAYS OF RUSSIANS.

When Russian friends meet they kiss twice once on either cheek. The men greet each other in this way, the same as women. Frequently I have seen great burly Russians, with flowing beards, smoking strong cigars, meet and kiss each other so affectionately that their lips give out sounds like the suction valves in air pumps.

They forget to take their pipes or cigars from their mouths, and the collisions are amusing to the spectators. A Russian never thinks of announcing himself at the door. He enters without knocking, and if he finds the occupant of the room is not expecting him and does not desire his presence he simply sits down and waits, as if he expected to be lifted up by the shoulders and heaved out. I have never seen a lightning rod in Russia. This is not because there is no lightning there, but because the people do not believe in rods to conduct to the ground the deadly bolts. They believe it would be trifling with the inevitable and defying the invisible. I believe Ajax came from another part of the globe than this.—Omaha Bee.

THE ORIGIN OF PETROLEUM.—Professor Medeleef, in Engineering, has advanced the theory that petroleum is of mineral origin, and that its production is going on and may continue almost indefinitely. He has succeeded in making it artificially by a similar process to that which he believes is going on in the earth, and experts find it impossible to distinguish between the natural and the manufactured article.

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LIFE IN LIBERIA.—There is not a horse or a mule or a jackass in the country. The cows are about as big as Newfoundland dogs and no milk. The oxen are useless. There is not a carriage or wagon or even a wheelbarrow in the republic, and there are not three plows owned in the whole population. They have a secretary of the navy, but not a canoe nor a rowboat. They have a secretary of war, but not a cannon to fire a salute. The army consists of 317 soldiers, of whom 388 are officers and 29 privates. The legislature meets annually and consists of eight senators and thirteen representatives, who stand for 2 1/2 years. The natives are not represented in the government. The president is H. W. R. Johnson, who was born there of American parents. He wears a linen duster in addition to his plug hat and umbrella. He appoints all the officers, from members of the cabinet down to the constables. Nearly every voter is an officer of some kind.

The other morning Mr. P. T. Barnum, the veteran showman, entered his New York office, hung his overcoat on the rack, where there were a number of other coats, and began his daily work. Some time afterwards, and while talking to Mr. Baily, he reached for his coat, but by mistake took one belonging to some one else. He replaced it and selected another, which he also put back and secured a third, which he also returned to the rack, and while looking for his own, Mr. R. F. Hamilton remarked to him, "Don't take my coat, governor." Well, said Mr. Barnum, rather pointedly, it was thought, I've taken down three; one contained a bottle of whiskey, another a lot of cigars and the third a package of chewing tobacco. I'm sure I had nothing in mine but some papers and my gloves. I've discovered the peculiarities of my agents, though.

I say, Pat, remarked one Boston coal-heaver to another, did you hear that the coal is going up higher? Going up higher, is it? returned the latter. Then, faith, I'll not do another turn of work on the wharf, for I have to wheel it up so high already that my back is about broke, so it is.

General News.

—Simeon Jones, commissioner to the Argentine Republic and to Brazil, has arrived at Ottawa to receive his instructions. He goes to Toronto and Hamilton in a few days to interview merchants.

—The directors of the Federal bank met on the evening of the 14th and it is officially announced that Samuel Nordheimer, president, and J. S. Playfair, vice-president, have been replaced by H. C. Hammond of Toronto and William Hendrie of Hamilton respectively. Mr. Nordheimer will, however, retain his seat as member of the board. There have been ugly rumors about bank's stability both here and in Montreal, but the directors assert it is in a thoroughly sound condition. The stock went down five points during the last week.

John Rutledge, the guard in the central prison who was stabbed on Friday by convict Neil, died this afternoon.

—At Ottawa the preliminary examination in the well known case of the Maritime bank v. R. A. & J. Stewart, a silent partner in the Greer lumber firm, was made Jan. 15th. The amount involved is \$278,000. The bank claims that it advanced that amount to Stewart, while he contends he has an offset account of an equal amount.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Sixteen degrees below zero was recorded on the government thermometer here at midnight last night. Four below was the highest temperature reached during the day. The total absence of wind mitigated the cold materially and no severe suffering is reported. There is much hardship in the city, however, and police stations and other public shelters are crowded to their utmost capacity by homeless people.

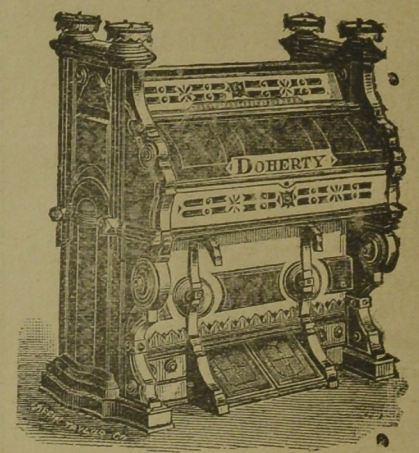
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Derby, North Co.; Nelson, 99 Monday; J. Betts. Douglastown, North Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson. Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead. Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134 Saturday; James E. Coy. Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. T. Campbell. St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164, Tuesday; Samuel Osborn. Moncton; Moncton, 183; Monday; F. W. Steeves. Douglas, York Co.; Dunphy's W. O. Farmers 190; Saturday; Arthur W. Ros. Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191 Monday; E. A. Beck. South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207 Monday; Wm. Roxborough. Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 233; Wednesday; Geo. H. Waring. Mer ton; Intercolonial 243; Friday; Miss Vena Fawcett. Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main. Mountville, Albert Co.; Home Circle, 244 Friday; E. E. Peck. Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; John A. Robinson. Weldford, Kent. Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wathen. Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler. Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251 Friday; E. Keith. Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. A. Jonah. Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sunnyside, 253 Saturday; Isaac N. Alward. Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd. Millstream, Kings Co. Britannia, 255; Saturday; C. W. Veyman. Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson. Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts. River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith. Teeves' Mountain, West. Co.; Mountain Rose 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr. Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes. Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263 Thursday; W. Moulton. Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie. Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Thursday; Harry E. Grimmer. Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith. Graves Settlement, West. Co.; Rockland, 267 Friday; G. Johnston. 2d Falls, St. George, Char. Co.; Stewart, 269 Saturday; A. Sherwood. St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; Charles Johnson. Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Wednesday; J. W. Floyd. Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273 Tuesday; Chas. Frost. Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore. St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall. Eagle Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276 Tuesday; G. A. Taylor. Salisbury, Westmorland Co.; Middleton, 277 Friday; Jas. Henry. Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278 Tuesday; L. Hall. Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279 Saturday; B. B. Hayward. St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent. Elgin, Albe. Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; W. P. Robinson. Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake; 283; Friday; H. E. White. Stonehaven, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division 284; Tuesday; N. R. Ritchie. Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; A. McW. Russell. Port Elgin, West. Co.; Fort Morceton, 286; Tuesday; G. H. Goodwin. Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; J. W. Folkins. Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division 288; Saturday; John W. DeForest. Dubec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Thursday; Wm. V. Benn. Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293 Saturday; J. T. Fletcher. Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Hubert Gray. Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale 295 Tuesday; F. A. Steeves. Canterbury, York Co.; Dunfermlin, 296; Saturday; Eli Taylor. River Louisa, Restigouche Co.; Louisa, 297 Friday; Donald Stewart. Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy. Woodstock, Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod. Campbellton, Restigouche Co. Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. C. Ferguson. Manuist, Kings Co.; Lincolden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann. Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Tuesday; Jas. Crawford. Morcombe, P. O. Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303 Wednesday; Martin Freeze. Scotch Settlement, Westmorland Co.; McCarthy 304; Wednesday; David H. Murray. Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305 Monday; Zebulon Grainger. Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; J. H. Hamilton. Case Settlement, Kings Co.; Snowflake, 307. Monday; C. E. Black. Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Friday; Rev. J. Spencer. North Lake, Canterbury; York County; Star No. 313; Saturday; Hiram H. Vesey Deputy. Janeville, Gloucester Co.; Janeville, 314. Saturday; Edward L. Caie, Deputy. Kingsclear, York Co.; Kingsclear, 315; Wednesday; Isaac Kilburn, Deputy. Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co.; Rolling Dam, 316 Monday; Neil McDemott. Buctouche, Kent Co.; Buctouche, No. 317 Tuesday; Rev. J. D. Murray. Mount Middleton, Kings Co.; Mount Middleton, 318; Friday; Joseph Chapman. McKenzie Corner, Carleton Co.; McKenzie Corner Division 319 Friday; Jas. Forest. Stylesville, Westmorland Co.; Mapleville, 320 Saturday; James McFarlane. Bayfield, Westmorland Co.; Bayfield, 321 Monday; Frank Harper. Curryville, Albert Co.; Curryville, 322; Saturday; Clark's Corner, Queens Co.; Clark's Corner, 325 Thursday; Isaac H. Carle. Fredericton, No. 2 Gordon, No. 326; Wednesday; Sergt. Major McKenzie. Smith's Corner, Walker's W. O. Kent Co. Olive Branch 327 Saturday; Ephraim Whetson. Berry Mills West Co. Millville, 328, Monday; John T. Prince. Blackville, Northumberland Co.; Blackville, 329; Wednesday; E. F. Gaynor. Black Brook, North. Co.; Silver Stream, 330; Wednesday; Wm. Tait. Tattagouche, Gloucester Co.; Forest Home, 331; Thursday; Richard Bell. Bathurst, Gloucester Co.; Ever Onward, 332, Monday; W. R. Johnson. Dalhousie Junction, Restigouche Co., Maple Green; 333; Wednesday; Wm. Jamison. Little River, Buctouche, Kent Co. Forest View No. Co 334; Monday, Chas. E. Hicks. Upper Woodstock, Jubilee 335, Wednesday; John Purpus. Napan, North Co.; Napan, No. 336 Thursday; A. D. Dixon. Presque Isle, Connell P. O. Carleton Co.; Dawn of Hope No. 337 Tuesday; John N. Perry. Bloomfield Corner, Carleton Co.; Unity No. 338 Saturday, Alex. Strong. Mapleton, Albert Co.; Mapleton, No. 339, Tuesday; J. M. Colpitts. Tide Head, Restigouche Co.; No. 370, Saturday, Thomas Adams. Boiestown, North. Co. Boiestown, No. 371, Wednesday; Rev. Thos. Allen.

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