

KINDNESS.

Like a sheltering rock when the simeon is nigh;
Like a bower in the desert embowered we find:
Like rain to the grass that is withered and dry.
Like dew to the flowers when the sun has set.
Is the angel of kindness, in sympathy's guise,
To the weak and the weary, who faint by the way.
Who faint and are sad, whose life's cherished prize
Is wracked from the grasp in the heat of the day.
The song is like the rainbow, gorgeous and bright;
On wings of the cloud, portentous and dread;
It comes like the daybreak of God's blessed grace,
When the night has been long and tears have been shed.

This is the song and refrain that the glad angels sing;
When the Peace-Prince was cradled in poverty's arms;
And the soul to mortals from heaven outrang.
Whose solace and succor humanity warms.
These words are the sweetest on earth or in kind.
Kindness and charity—peace and good will.

Till such is that is Godlike to all may be given,
And each human heart with kindness shall thrill.

WONDERFUL WHISTLER.

It was a perfect night and the incoming ocean lines seemed poised between the two continents, so truly were the stars reflected in the black sea; the hour was late and gradually the passengers drifted away into the brilliantly lighted salons, or sought their staterooms for a few hours' straying upon the invisible island of dreams; and only the deckhands remained on the deck's moon-flecked promenade.

Suddenly the scholarly looking and spectacled young man from Chicago, who had been sitting quietly among a group of friends with his eyes turned sombrely westward, turned to the now distant homeward bound to which he was barking—and making a prayer at home for him.—Grace Duffie Roe, in Chicago Post.

Mr. Gray's town. I had heard nothing of him in that time and our old agreement did not occur to me until I saw the unfamiliar faces at the store. I am a fond old friend, only to learn that he had been dead, I regret to learn, and I am not ashamed to say that when I remembered my promise at our last meeting, I frankly own that I tried to get out of it by taking the horse I drove out to his present home, just on the edge of town. His widow greeted me very kindly and I at once made known my errand, which was to secure her consent to the canceling of my rashly-made agreement. To my surprise she held me to its fulfillment.

"Mr. Gray was very much in earnest when he made his singular request, I am sure," she said. "A few moments before he died and I was with him, he said he would be listening. I did not understand what he meant then, but you have brought the explanation. I must insist upon your keeping your promise to my son."

"Well, I drove up over the hill to the little cemetery that he had pointed out, and while the glow faded from the western sky and shadows grew and purled into twilight, I sat upon the grave and whistled just as I had promised, though it took all the while that he was listening."

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DIZZIED BY SUCCESS.

Lauder Antics of a Great Man Upon a London Street.

James Hinton, the celebrated anarchist and essayist, was one of those men who are absolutely oblivious to the impression made upon the world by their own eccentricities of demeanor. He is an odd little fellow, with an overgrown nose, a bent back, and thinking that a shaggy, squid silver was shining in the shadow he knew, touching the sunny head of his own little Katherine, w^ho soon became w^haking—and making a prayer at home for him.—Grace Duffie Roe, in Chicago Post.

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"Turning quickly round, I saw a little, fragile man dancing about the pavement in high excitement, to the considerable inconvenience of wayfarers. It was James Hinton. Jumping up to me, he shook my hand, with convulsive tugs, as he ejaculated:

"I am so very glad, so inexpessibly glad to see you! I have so often wished to see you and tell you all that has happened!"

"Having, by this time, shaken my hand with more than sufficient cordiality, he stepped back a few paces and, in doing so blundered against a chair, and, knocked a small hole down into the carpet. As he fell to me again, and then danced before me, ejaculating in the highest notes of shrill voice:

"It is said that window panes of porous glass are being made in Paris. The minute holes in the glass are too fine to permit of a draught and yet large enough to cause pleasant and healthy ventilation in a room."

A spoonless mustard pot is a recent invention. By pressing a piston rod in an air-tight receptacle the requisite amount of mustard is forced through a suitable aperture. The air being excluded, the mustard is always fresh.

THE NATURALIST.

In the East Indies there are spiders so large that they feed on small birds.

Neither chemists nor naturalists have yet been able to solve the question why a lobster turns red when boiled.

By exposing the chrysalis of Vanessa atlanta to a low temperature, it showed great increase in the area of the scarlet bands on the wings, and a great increase in the area of the white and bluish markings.

The ditch school is located on the property, within a acre and a half, a blacksmith shop within a acre. There is a large log house and mule mud in the front of it, which is an exceptional privilege for obtaining fertilizing matter. Apply to

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