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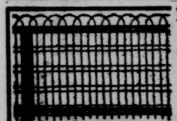
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poetry.

VANCOUVER.

(Inspired by the Giants in the Park.) Blest Vancouver! who can move her From her proud position?
She is bound to hold her ground
Till Frisco's in perdition.

Proud Vancouver! who can hover Round her stalwart streets Without perceiving that she A web no boaster beats-

A web which soon will merge the moon
In its illustrious folds
And send to school even Liverpool
To rival what it holds?

Already she controls the sea
To China and Japan;
And no one knows what further blows Or triumphs she may plan.

What splendid steamers! And who but dreamers, Or poets if you please, Could e'er conceive, or e'er believe That she possessed such trees?

God bless Vancouver! and bless, moreover, Her courteous maids and men; Whom I, the bard, will long regard With gratitude. Amen!

WILLIAM MURRAY (of Hamilton). Hotel Vancouver, 13th June, 1903.

Literature.

NAN ON MATRIMONY.

BY JESSIE CRUM, ANTWERP, N. Y. Nan Crawford invited her life-long friend, Jenny Black, to drink tea with her the night whereof I write, and over their teacups they had many a cheery crack about the days of their girlhood.

"An' Nan," continued Jenny (who for the last hour had been enjoying herself recalling some of their happy times), "dae ye min' the colliers' ball we gaed tae in the 'Shaws-you and Wull McNaughton an' me an' Archie Black-an' hoo braw we leukit drest in white muslin wi' bonny white ribbon sashes roon oor waists? Bit, losh keep us!" (And here Jenny leaned back in her chair laughing.) . "Whit a sicht oor sashes were efter the ball! a' finger marks whaur their sweatin' han's claspit us roon the waist an 'whirl'd us roon in the

Nan smilingly nodded her head. "Ay, Jenny, las, fine I min' a' aboot, it," was Nan's answer, as she passed the plate of well-buttered toast to her friend; "an' hoo Wull apologeesed efterhin', sayin' 'it wus maist impossible tae keep his han's leukin' as they ocht be, seein' he wus workih' in the pit a' day.' An' the verra neist week he bocht me a braw new sash fower ells lang. My, bit it wus bonny! Silk on the ae side an' sateen on the ither. If I min' richt Archie gied ye the mate o't." Here Nan cast a look out of the corner of her eye over the rim of her tea cup at Jenny.

'Ay, that he did. That same nicht he askit me tae be his wife. I said yes; an' I hae ne'er rued it.'

'Fine I ken ye hinnae; yer blest wi' a guid man an' a comfortable hame. Bit puir Wull!' Here Nan gave a bit sigh. 'He deserved a better wife that that wee wishy-washy craiter he's got. There's naething tae her -her heid's toom.'

'It's a maitter o' taste,' said Jenny, as she rose and set back her chair; and Nan began to pick up the tea

'Ay, nae doot; bit oh! sic a taste, said Nan, and her face had a look of disgust as she thought of the one Wull had tied himself to.

'Weel, I'm awa''; and Jenny opened the door to take her departure. 'Ye'll be gaun tae see puir seeck Jean this morn'-meaning an old acquaintance.

'Ay, that I wull; I'm vext for the puir craiter. I'm thinkin' matrimony has spoiled her life; 'deed hes't. Weel, guidnicht, Jenny, an' ca'ower

'Oo, ay; I'll be ower afore lang.' The door closed, and the two old friends parted.

Nan sat with her elbow on the table and her cheek in her hand, musing, long after her friend was gone. It was ten o'clock and a very dark night-'no' a star in a' the cairry'-as Nan set her tea table back against the wall and redd up her wee bit kitchen. Cling! Clang! cling! clang! gaed the auld Tron Kirk bell, and Nan barred her door, raked the fire and turned out her light, saying to herself: 'It's time a' dacent folk were in bed; deed is't. I dinna haud wi' sittin' up ayont ten o'clock unless in a case o' seeckness. I cudna work hard as I dae if I didna get ma rest. No, indeed!" And Nan tied on her night-mutch and slipped in between the blankets.

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'in the land o' nod,' completely lost to all worry and care. Seldom did she ever have a dream, but that an' as a trig a lad as ye cud fin' in a night was an exception. She lay there hour after hour, thinking about her poor sick neighbour, Jean McLauchlan, and wondering how she could help her; for with all her 'nippy' tongue Nan had a real warm heart, and was always ready to share the little she had with a needy neighbour.

'She ocht tae hae something rale nourishin',' said Nan, under her breath; 'an' I'll just tak' that hauf pun' o' mutton I got at the flesher's an' mak' her a drap mutton broth. It's no' muckle, but it'll mebbe dae her guid. Puir Jean! I'm rale vexed for her; but as for that Tam o' her's I'd like tae-tae-tae-tae d-r-o-o-n-.' But here Nan's cogitations were lost in sleep, and she began to dream.

In her dream she made the broth, and pouring it into a small china pitcher wrapt a clean white towel round it to keep it warm till she got to Jean's, whose home was on the next street. She arrived there all right, rapped at the door, and Tam cried 'Come in.' She did so and her eye lighted on Tam. There he sat warming his feet at the fire, a foot on each hob; while Jean lay moandisgusted and did not want to speak to him; but she supposed she had to say something, so she asked in as hob. civil a tone as she could at the time, 'Hoo's Jean?'

'O, aboot as uiswal,' gruntled Tam; she's in there,' pointing with his thumb over his shoulder in the direction of the room. He looked sour and gloomy.

'Oh! Nan, is that you?' said Jean in a feeble voice.

'Ay, Jean, lass; it's jist me, and nae ither,' answered Nan, setting the china pitcher with the mutton broth on the kitchen dresser. 'Whit vy did ye no' let me ken ye were sae ill? I'd be here afore noo if I'd only kent ye were bedfast.' Nan seated herself on a chair close to her

triend's bedside. 'Weel, it wus this wy, Nan. I didnae want tae bother onybody an' kept thinkin' day efter day I'd get a wee better; bit is seems there's nae betterness for me.' Here, Nan in her dream, saw two great tears roll down Jean's face and a gray shadow settle | feeble voice.

'Jean, lass, dae ye feel warn than uiswal?' asked Nan, stroking her took the pitcher with the broth into friend's face in a kindly way; and the room with her. here Nan patted the pillow in her sleep. 'Dae ye thinkin' mebbe it wud dae ye guid.'

I'll try an' tak' a wee thing o't.'

the broth in a skillet over the fire, when in her dream what does she see but Tam helping himself to the was furious. Without stopping to saw that Tam had disappeared. think how it would look she took summary vengeance on the spot.

wratch? I brocht it for Jean.' hand she threw the little he had left over his head. Here Nan woke out of her dream, thrashing the pillow.

'Eh, michty! whit a dream,' she exclaimed sitting up in bed and looking everywhere about her as if she expected to see Tam in the room. She saw by the "waggity-wa" that she had overslept herself. It was

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

Cholera infantum is one of the most dreaded diseases of infancy. It is prevalent during the heat of sum-mer in spite of all the care mothers may take to guard against it, and it sometimes progresses so quickly that death occurs in a few hours no matter what care is given the child. The first thing to do is to stop feeding the child and give him plants of The first thing to do is to stop feeding the child and give him plenty of fresh air and pure water to drink. Give Baby's Own Tablets to carry off the poison in the system. Do not under any circumstance give a medicine to check the diarrhoea, except under the advice of a doctor. By using Baby's Own Tablets the cause of the diarrhoea will be removed, and the disease will thus be checked in a natural manner. Proof that the Tablets cure this too often fatal trouble is given by Mrs Hebert Burnham, Smith's Palls, Ont., who says: "When my eldest child was six weeks old he had an attack of cholera infantum and was at death's door. My doctor advised me to try

after eight o'clock but Nan was wick at work, and in a short time fire was burning brightly, the tea-kettle boiling, and soon she had her breakfast of warm rolls and fresh butter and a boiled egg. While taking it she said: 'I canna un'erstan' whit Jean saw aboot that Tam Mc-Laughlan tae gie her ony wish tae spen' her life wi' sic a uiseless mortal; bit I suppose that's ane o' the problems o' life that'll ne'er be solved in this warl'; no ne'er.'

'Bless ma her't,' she continued, there's Wull McNaughton, ma ain auld beau, whee hes a nice bit butter an' egg shop o' his ain, an's weel aff, day's journey, took sic a fancy tae Mysie Broon's baby face an' clingin' wyes that naething wad dae bit he wad ding her praises in ma lug ilka time we met, till I got sae wearit hearin' sae muckle aboot her bonny wee roon face an' her dimpl'd mou' that I jist telt him tae gang an' stey wi' her. Wull wus quick temper'd

an took me at ma word.' 'I wus vext at masel' efterhin. Bit that's naither here nor there. We'll let sleepin' dowgs lie. We a' ken she fairly ran efter him nicht an' day, an' in the lang run he an' merrit her. Wull's a smart fellow, bit she's a puir han'less, brainless, guid-fornaething, spen'in' her time prinkin' an' pootherin' an' pentin' her face; spen'in Wull's bawbees on a lot o' fal-de-rals, an' traitin' her neebors, wha care naething about her, tae teas ilka wee while.

'Weel! weel! That's about the wy the matrimonial warl wags,' observed Nan, as if she were addressing somebody. 'There's some terrible mis matches in't; ay, is there.' Nan shook her head and sighed as she thought on her lost lover and on what might have been.

The clock striking eleven caused ing in the house. Nan felt awful Nan to lay aside her sewing and get ready for Jean's. She tasted the broth that was simmering on the

> 'It's gey guid,' she remarked as she poured it into the identical china pitcher she saw in her dream; and when she got to Jean's there sat Tam -Jean's man—before the fire, with a foot on each hob, toasting his shins, just as she had seen him in her throothis.'

Tam?' she asked in a tone none over she threw her shawl over her gracious for she could not hide her shoulders. dislike of him.

Tam; knowing well that Nan had no | who warmly pressed it, and left.

'Weel, I haur'ly think ye'll fin' ane sittin' there. Hoo's Jean?'

'She's in there; ye can see for yerself',' he said, awful snappy and looking sour and gloomy, pointing with his thumb over his shoulder in the direction of the room where Jean

'Nan, is that you?' cried Jean, in a

'Ay, Jean, it's me, an' nao ither.' Here Nan, remembering her dream,

'Whit wy did ye no' sen' for me? Ye ken I wad come nicht or day gin there wus onything I cud dae tae 'It wus kin' o' ye tae bring it, Nan. help ye'; an' Nan drew a chair close tae Jean's bedside. Jean put out her Nan stept into the kitchen to warm | hand and clasped Nan's while two big tears rolled down, her pale

Just then the outside door slammed contents of the china pitcher. Nan and Nan, looking into the kitchen,

'I ken ye wad, bit Nan, I ne'er thocht it wad come tae this. He's 'Hoo daur ye titch the broth, ye oot o' wark maist a' the time, an' whit's the cause o't I dinna ken. Snatching the pitcher out of his There seems naething bit sufferin' an' seeckness for me in this warl, an' about him and cracked the pitcher the suner I'm dune wi't the better; I see naething tae leeve for,' sobbed Jean, in a heart-broken voice.

'Hoots, wuman! ye mauna gie wy sae;' and there was a tremor in Nan's voice that you would not have expected, considering her sharp tongue. 'I've brocht ye a wee drap mutton broth; I thocht ye'd like it.' 'I ae; it wus aye a favorite o'

Nan warmed the broth in a skillet over the kitchen fire, and Jean took a little of it, and seemed to relish it. After that Nan brought in the big arm chair that Tam always sat in, and throwing a woollen shawl over it got Jean into it while she made her bed. Then she combed her hair and seemed to have a soothing effect on

'I raley think yer leukin' better.' said Nan, with a little laugh, as she helped Jean back into the well-made bed. 'I'm thinkin' a' ye need is nourishment an' a wee leukin' efter tae see that yer a'richt itherwise. We'll hae ye up an' roon afore lang, Jean, lass,' said Nan cheerily.

The house needed redding up, so Nan started to put things in order. She swept both but and ben, took out the ashes, gave the kitchen grate a brush, and pipe-clayed the hearthstane. The sun was setting when she finished her wark round the house and got the invalid a cup of tea and some toasted crackers.

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Then Nan looked in the glass to 'Losh! keep us, are ye no' workin', see if her mutch was on straight, as

'God bless ye, Nan!' said Jean, as 'No; I'm oot o' a job!' snapped she held out her hand to her friend,

THE OLD OFFICE TOWEL.

When I think of the towel, The dirty old towel That used to hang up by the printing

house door,
I know that nobody
In these days of shoddy Could hammer out one that could

The "comp" who abused it, The "devil" who used it, The tramp that got at it when these two were gone.

The "makeup," the foreman,
The editor, poor man,
Each rubbed some grime off while he

put a heap on.

In over and under 'Twas blacker than thunder, Twas harder than poverty, rougher than sin.

From a roller suspended It never was bended And flapped on the wall like a banner

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And harder and tougher
And daily put on a more inkier hue,
Until one windy morning,
Without any warning. Without any warning, It fell to the floor and was broken in

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