ON THE STAIRS.

In a ballroom bright 'tis gay to whirl Or watch the circling pairs, But give me with some dear, nice girl, A seat upon the stairs.

'Tis such a democratic place, No room for queenly airs; Proud belles stoop down to lowliest grace When resting on the stairs.

To cure the worst despairs; And shyest maids take no alarm At sitting on the stairs.

For timid swains it hath a charm

The music may enchanting be, The waltz, a dream, who cares? I much prefer the dance to see While whispering on the stairs.

Why strive for station, wealth or pride? A prince no better fares Than a happy lover close beside His sweetheart on the stairs.

No throne of kings, nor four years' seat In Presidential chairs Could yield to me such rapture sweet Aseating on the stairs. -Madeline Bridge, in the Detroit Tribune.

"THE DANCING SPEARS."

is at Three Rivers—and its eleven thousand part of the planet and they jog along as if there was something beside gold in the lexicon of manhood. Henri Turgeon thought so as he watched the little ripples curling on the shore from his window and listened to what his brother Denise said as he smoked a pipe of Canadian tobacco.
"My last dollar has gone Henri and I

But "Henri" made no reply.
"It is a hard thing to be obliged to do but I see no other way of getting on my feet again," Denise continued gloomily: the devil drives."

And still Henri was silent.

must marry Marie Beauchamp."

and loss."

and the profit yours, Denise," said Henri. and Marie both shrieked and fainted! Rays

tore the year is out," said Henri from his seat at the window. "Not improbable," Denise replied, "but

over the stream." carry you over the stream all right, provided you are not too lazy to jump.

"Now, Henri, there is no use of your putting obstacles in my way. You may danced and circled that way for forty years, use enough philosophy to clip an angel's since the night on which Amelia Leclair wing, if you like, but I am going to marry was carried off bodily to Aurora. She, too, the girl, and it is your duty to assist me in carrying out my wishes."

enquiringly asked. "I would rather assist the tresses of Aurora's hair, which fell in you in acquiring a little self-reliance. What | those spears of light from the zenith downif you have lost all your money, you are sure of subsistence, clothing, and shelter the people who gathered around her said: so long as I have a dollar, and you can "Died of heart disease," said somework out your own salvation. Think of "killed by the Spirits of the Dancing the inspiring words of Victor Hugo: 'What spears," said the superstitious. And though the branch beneath thee breaks, Jeanne and Henri, who did not despair,

remember thou hast wings." "Hugo be hanged," replied Denise.
"Any fool can be a philosopher if he has quail on his toast and wine at his elbow." you a moral wreck and help on your decay. But you should remember, Denise, that you may suffer for all your folly, for the dice of God are always loaded."

"More theological cant, Henri. I tell you that I am going to marry the girl, and if you do not help me then you had better return to your clerical studies in Montreal. the Dancing Spears.

"Yes," she thought, "I see it all There is Aurora with the tresses of her hair being I m a man of the world. I am in a fix I want to get out of it in the easiest and by the most honorable way I can, and | moonlight! Myriads of sprites shoot up that is to marry a girl with money."

"And you call that 'an honorable way' do vou?" Henri queried.

have been a spendthrift and a criminal, but there they make their obeisance, and then no one knows that here, and otherwise I with their golden combs they separate am not any worse than the average man of Aurora's hair and shoot down the rays of

will wreck the life of a girl who is said to face beams with happiness etherial. be as good as gold and who is as pretty as | She smiles on her attendant sprites, a picture. I saw her going to church on many of whom are now arranging Sunday and her oval face framed in masses | the boreal crown upon her head. Lights of chestnut brown hair, looked as beautiful are festooned around her brow like a floral as the Sestine Madonna.

her. She has \$5,000 cash, and she owns of crimson, velvet, and steel and, here and the house she lives in, and a share of that | there, shake the entangled tresses from one will be better than being a prisoner of another. But look! a strange form appears.

poverty all my life," Denise replied. "You are a prisoner of your own discontent, Denise, that is all," said Henri. dwarfed and it ends in coils like those of a of torging it from the chains in which we to have no power to climb the Spears of was very prejudical to their nervous systems are all more or less bound. All through Light and it keeps half hidden in the lum- and muscular powers. The women suffered your life you have never made an attempt inous clouds at the horizon. Slowly the from the effects of bad ventilation and misnow you moan about being 'a prisoner of poverty!' No wonder you have been a heaven!—it is the face of Henri," and is still the fashion to consider them. failure, and a failure you will continue to Marie shrieked and awoke.

the end, unless you change your ways."
"More twaddle," said Denise. "Your theological training is making you as dole-ful as a Syrian Anchorite, and I shall soon expect to hear you say that everything that

The air was chilly and some of the river.

The air was chilly and some of the est to all who have the welfare of a great

I object to you marrying this girl because it would not serve you and it would ruin

"All right Henri, now we know where we stand. I am going to marry the girl whether you like it or not," and Henri still kept watching the ripples on the shore as they now scintilated in the moonlight, while Denise left the room and walked to the cottage where Marie Beauchamp lived with her aunt, and there he met Mariebut how?

"Don't don't, for heaven's sake, Marie, don't, it always ends badly," said Jeanne. "Nonsense Jeanne, surely you cannot be so superstitious," Marie replied.

"Oh, it is not a superstition Marie, I know it is not," said Jeanne, "there are too many proofs of its reality. No one ever made the lights dance who did not die very soon after."

But Marie laughed and commenced her

incantations and her genuflections. She wanted to see the Aurora Borealis and she had often heard that the luminous streamers would come at any girl's command provided she performed certain little witcheries. And as Jeanne stood trembling under the maples, Marie, facing towards the north, danced about the lawn and made many graceful obeisances to the mythical Aurora whose tremulous rays were, she was often told, nothing but the tresses of her hair

which, when seen, were combed by her Little blue ripples kept curling on the beach all day. They came with an expirarrial attendants. And Jeanne, with all ing sigh, over the burnished surface of the her horror of the scene, thought Marie St. Lawrence, and then kept rolling on the never danced so beautifully as she did then sal pebbles as if chanting the Neir- as her graceful figure glided over the ied's lullaby. The wharf was crowded with products of the farm, and planks from the great saw mills, all waiting to be shipped ed and wondered why she never danced as by one of the two great river steamers well when Henri was looking on, for even that run between Quebec and Montreal. to her own ear, gay coquette that she was, As usual there was no bustle—there never her feet appeared to strike music from the ground, and the very flowers she trod on, souls—nearly all of whom are French-Canadians, were taking the world easy. on their faces. And while Jeanne was pite-People do not chase the atmosphere in that part of the planet and they jog along as if there was something beside gold in bow low to fair Aurora while she, in mimic bravo and unbelief, invoked the Spirits of the Lights to join her in the revel. And she was happy in her ecstasy as visions of the W. Kirwan. success she would make at the next village

dance, while Henri looked on, passed before her, and she looked, at that moment, like Mercury on tiptoe. And still from the shadow of the maples came the sobbing appeal of Jeanne as she kept on calling, Stop Marie, for Heaven's sake, stop, it is sure to end badly." But Marie heeded "I do not love the girl indeed, to tell the truth I dislike her, but needs must when she was under the influence of some power other than her own. From graceful motions her movements become fantastic, and no "My last trip to Montreal beggared me, and now I have come back for the special purpose of getting married, and I'll go torted as she, and the devil dancers of the through the business as a matter of profit | wild Beddates would have envied her gyrations. Then suddenly from out the lumin-"That means all the loss shall be hers ous clouds, streamers shot up, and Jeanne

"Well, if you wish to put it that way- like Burning Spears, darted upwards and gloyes," Denise answered. "With me it is ries of phosphorescent whiteness, trembled simply a question of money, and I do not in the heavens. From out great nebulous propose to go to the wall so long as a girl clouds came cracking, hissing and whizzing like Maria Beauchamp will have me, and I sounds and streamers, prismatic and variewill marry her before another month has gated, formed a boreal crown in the zenith. The stars, when seen through the Spears "And be separated—bed and board—be- of Light, appeared to flutter from the crown above, while down to the horizon the tremulous streamers fell in all directions, like the fringes from a mantle. The towns-people crowded into the streets and meanwhile I will have had time to breath and I shall leave it to luck to carry me looked up with surprise, admiration or awe, as they saw around them the circle of crim-"Yes, Denise," said Henri, "luck will son, violet and steel-colored rays moving

up and down, vanishing and reappearing, with ghoul-like grace of motion. Some of the old people thought the lights had never since the night on which Amelia Leclair had invoked the spirit of the Dancing Spears for her amusement, and now she "Even if I think you are wrong?" Henri | she was one of the many who were combing wards. And Marie!-"Marie is dead,"

were trying to restore Marie to consciousness when the doctor came. "No, Marie is not dead," he said. He found a faint flutter of the heart, and discovered that her "Oh! yes," said Henri. "Your extrava- limbs would remain in any position in gant ideas have been your financial ruin, which they were placed, as if she had been and your faults of temper will yet leave stricken with catalepsy. She had been mesmerised by the Aurora! Her nervous system had given way under the fixed and abstracted attention she had bestowed on her phantasy. And all this she knew, as she opened her eyes and looked fixedly at

combed by the aerial spirits about her, and how those tresses fall and shimmer in the and down the Dancing Spears of Light, and each particular hair has its attendant. The luminous clouds below are sending "Of course I do" said Denise, "I know I more fairy forms up to the zenith, and light as their shining combs scintilate cry, but it had to keep going with the mill. the world with world with the world crown on the head of a bride. Ærial "All the more reason why I should marry | spirits move in and out among the colors It is not like the other spirits, it is not one

One month later and the ripples on the is natural is wrong."

"Just so Denise," Henri replied, "the wisest fellows are those who agree with us.

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wedding march was being played on the great organ, while Marie Beauchamp stood before the altar and said "I will" in response to certain questions which referred to a young man at her side, who was not Denise Turgeon, and as she left the church the people, all of whom had heard the story said:—

predictions prove true. First it was La Grippe: "A whim" the French define it.

"Saved by the Dancing Spears."-M.

THE DOG TOOK A HOLIDAY.

But Found a Substitute to Do His Work at

the Objectionable Treadmill. On the Powell stock farm, in Warren county, is a shepherd dog of wonderful intelligence, and of such remarkable strength that he was long ago impressed into service to do the family churning, although it would seem that the almost human reason he manifests in the care and regulation of the cattle on the farm should have saved the cattle on the farm should have saved him from the menial service. The dog's three will be confirmed in this case or not, name is Jeppo, and at the word of command he will go to any field and separate hooves every person still affected by any from the herd a particular cow mentioned of the complaints due to these climatic and do with it as he is told. His master may say to the dog:

"Jeppo, go to the back meadow and fetch the spotted heifer home."

Instantly the dog will trot away to the designed field and in due time return with debilitates their system. For years we the spotted heifer. The brindle cow, the have found that simple old remedy Johnyearling Jersey bull, the black cow, the muley cow, will be selected and disposed to be the most certain remedy for all forms of in the same way. He will not only select any single head of cattle from the pasture, but any pair, or three, or all that may be called for. He will remove them from one field to another on order, and never goes wrong. Yet this rare dog is made to climb a caged treadmill twice a week and do the common work of a stupid buck sheep. The dog has shown in many ways that he does not like it, and the other day gave such emphasis to his determination to quit it, if possible, that his mast r I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., for a gracefully submitted, and Jeppo has been pamphlet describing its various uses for

emancipated from the treadmill. A Jersey calf was recently taken from its mother for weaning and it became such a prevention is worth many pounds of cure. pet with the Powell children that it has the run of the premises without let or hindrance. Jeppo early showed his disapproval of this calf, and to see it free and idle while he was laboring on the treadmill to churn the very buttermilk the calf was pampered with, evidently rankled in his bosom. The treadmill has a low, slatted cage around it, and the mill stands at such an angle that anything walking on it has to keep walking as long as it remains on the machine. The lower end or entrance to the cage has a door, but as it was known that Jeppo, having been told to run the mill, would not forsake his post until his duty was done, the door was never closed on him. A few days ago Jeppo was sent to the machine to do the churning. He obeyed, but the churn had not been running long before it suddenly stopped. The person in charge of the churning went out to see what was the matter with Jeppo and the machine. She saw a sight that started her in haste to summon Mrs. Powell. What she saw when she came was Jeppo driving the petted Jersey calf toward the treadmill cage. His experience with unwilling cattle stood him in well now, and he torced the calf to the cage door, and nipped its heels until it jumped through the door and stood on the mill, which started at once. Jeppo jumped against the door and closed it. The calf made a great out-Jeppo walked around to the dairy door, saw the churns going, and, wagging his tail contentedly, trotted off to the pasture where Mr. Powell was. The calf was removed from the mill, but when Powell was told of the dog's extraordinary act he declared that Jeppo should never churn again.—Ex.

"In days of old, when Knights were bold, And Barons held their sway."

In the days of old baronial castles, when crowds of people herded together like sheep within the narrow enclosures of a tortifica-"You have demanded contentment as one serpent. Its face is human but indistinct. tion and the ladies did nothing but needleof the conditions of your active life instead As yet Aurora does not see it. It appears work in their boudiors, the mode of life to find happiness from within. You never rays recede as it approaches and the spirits erable drainage, and had none of the left a sin behind you, never trampled a of the air avoid coming too near to where counteracting advantages of the military temptation under foot, never gone one step | it moves with stealth like mystery. And | life which was led by the men. Conseforward in the cause of what is good, and there! there! it is seen by all and Aurora- quently women became the helpless dolls

With the great and mighty progress of civilization, the position of the weaker sex has vastly and wonderfully improved, and

the family circle; she moulds the character of the young around her hearth, and fits them in a large measure for the battle and duties of life, and the character and well being of the communities and nations depend much on her efforts. Woman's work today is more extensive and varied than it was in olden times. Besides the multifarious duties of the wife and mother, women today take an active part in various commerical callings, as workers and assistants. We find them in the counting house, in the shop, in the manufactory, and various other industries; but no matter how healthy the surroundings may be, sickness and suffering steals on them, from excitement, mental strain, unrest and overwork. We find that the great majority suffer from Headaches, Insomnia, Melancholia, and Nervousness. The keen eye of the observer, can detect in the sunken eyes, the colorless cheek, the sallow look, the nervous and infirm step; a sure case of

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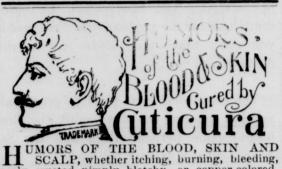
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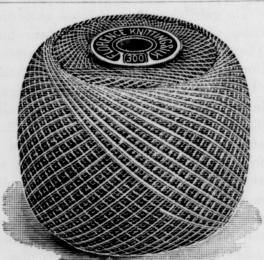
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