

WHY HE WHISTLES.

A Defence of the Moncton Youth who Seek to Serenade His Lady Love.

A local correspondent writes: "For the last three or four weeks the residents around the corner of Queen and Alma streets have been aroused by an individual who comes around at different hours, between 19 and 22 o'clock, keeping up a continual whistling. It seems strange no one pays any attention to him, even the police. Your correspondent thinks they might find out what is wanted, and would advise him to discontinue this nuisance."—*Times*.

Now, my dear "local correspondent," don't you think that you are a little too hard on the "individual" in question? Come, now. I don't suppose for a moment that this misguided youth—for of course he is young—has the slightest idea that he is making a nuisance of himself. Probably he thinks his whistle is as melodious as that of a blackbird, and he enjoys the sound so much himself that he wants all his neighbors to participate in his happiness. At the first glance, it seems merely the exuberant overflow of a heart filled with youthful hilarity, bubbling over with love for all mankind; but yet, who knows—oh, local correspondent of the stony heart and bitter pen—what emotions may lie beneath the surface of that manly bosom: what sacred flame of holy love may send that whistle up to the rosy lips of that dear young man, in linked sweetness, long drawn out?—flame so pure and strong that it fuses all it touches into liquid strains of melody.

"Love took up the harp of Life, and smote on all the cords with might! Smote the chord of self that trembling passed in music out of sight."

Why you can see at a single glance that the chord of self must have passed very much out of sight to enable that single hearted musician to spend evening after evening of this bitterly cold weather keeping up a continual whistling chorus, to arise like incense to the shrine of his patron saint. He must also have trembled considerably I should think, for standing around in the cold "from 13 to 22 o'clock might well have the effect of chilling the most ardent temperament.

Can it be, oh local correspondent, that you were never young yourself, never felt the delicious madness of love, when

"All the heart was full of feeling love had ripened into speech Like the sap that turns to nectar in the velvet of the peach

In the happy harvest fields as the sun sinks low."

Oh, sacrilegious "local," how shall you dare to judge that young man, to apply your shallow plummet and line to measure the depths of his feelings. Probably he was whistling soft nothings to some lady love. She may have been but a humble servant girl whose night out it was not, and her labors may have been sweetened by the sound of music without, because mayhap her mistress did not allow "followers."

Did you never serenade the object of your affections yourself in your far off youth? If you didn't you missed a lot of fun. Just think of creeping softly over the dewy sward on a lovely July night—because I was never sufficiently regardless of the dangers of influenza and the discomforts of cold feet to serenade in February—think, I say, of taking your tuneful guitar, or your faithful banjo, and bursting forth into "Slumber my lo-ved one, so-oftly, sweetly pe-a-cessfully slu-um-ber" just beneath her window! When I think of it, I almost smell the blush roses now. Think of the gentle sound of her window softly rising, and another window on the upper flat doing the same, while her papa—but no! there are some sorrows too sacred to be dragged before the rude gaze of a mirth loving public—I will confine myself to the case in hand, and my mission shall be to console that persecuted youth for the cruel remarks with which the *Daily Times* has lacerated his feelings.

Whistle on, my dear boy, and let no fear of the heartless policeman deter you. The police force are proverbially insensible to the charms of music, but then I think their life is one to crush out all superfluous sentiment, so take heart of grace, knowing that you have at least one ardent sympathizer, who is with you in every fibre of his being, even though he prefers, like the late lamented Lord Byron, to do his own courting "by a sea coal fire."

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